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Co-ordinators Michelle Divon (left) and Forsan Hussein (right) with members of Peace Camp Canada

Peace camp brings Israeli and Palestinian youth together

Michelle Divon envisions a peaceful Middle East

By Diane Koven

For many recent high-school graduates, a summer at camp was a carefree break before going off to university.

For 18-year-old Michelle Divon, daughter of Israeli Ambassador Haim Divon, it was an opportunity to influence the Middle East peace process prior to entering the Israeli army.

Months of dreaming and plan-

ning came to fruition for Divon free and secure country far from with the arrival in Ottawa of a contingent of Israeli Jewish and Arab teenagers to attend Peace Camp Canada.

For 10 days in August, the youth were based at Ashbury College as they participated in an intensive program geared to helping them know and understand each other better.

Only while living in Canada, a

the conflict of her homeland was Divon able to befriend fellow students from different cultures. She became aware that the tensions and the political realities of living in Israel make it virtually impossible for Jewish and Palestinian youth to get to know each other. Feeling that until there are personal relationships between

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A life-changing trip

On her first trip to Israel, as she stood on Mount Scopus overlooking Jerusalem with 70 other members of the UJA 2003 mission. Barbara Crook remembers thinking that until that very moment she never really completely understood the connection Jews have with Israel.

As Rabbi Steven Garten made the blessing and spoke on how the idea of returning to Jerusalem has sustained the Jewish people through the ages, it was for Crook

"I was expecting to be intellectually and emotionally challenged on this trip," she says. "What I did not expect was to have this connection to Israel, especially as a

was my country, and I was as rooted in this country as if I had been there at Sinai."

That trip was to change the focus of her life. Since April 2002, the tireless community volunteer has returned to Israel five times and plans, along with Neil Shinder, to lead the next community mission in May 2005.

She has also become an effective lobbyist for the Palestinian Media Watch (PMW) in Washington and throughout North America.

The PMW is an organization that translates and reports on how the Palestinian Authority (PA) controlled news media and educational institutions ferment anti-Semitism,

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Face-to-face with "the enemy"

By Katy Peplinskie Sporting a sky-blue Superman t-shirt and jeans, fresh-faced Israeli Aklile Kebede looks like a typical tecnager. But the things she has seen, and the hatred she has for so long harboured inside, are not typical of most high school students

Since a suicide homber killed her best friend, she has lived with a constant fear of death, and thought of all Palestinians as "the cnemy."

However, attending Peace Camp Canada has helped her realize that "the Palcstinian-Israeli conflict is between people, not monsters."

"Now I see that we've both suffered," says Kebe-

Peace Camp Canada was a 10-day program held at Ottawa's Ashbury College. It brought together 10 Israeli and 10 Palestinian youth of different faiths from Israel, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Participants were only permitted to speak English since speaking Hebrew and Arabic would isolate participants.

There was time for sight seeing, karaoke, sports, drama classes and barbeques, but the main focus was on peace building, and developing the leadership skills necessary to promote peace once they had gone home.



(Photo: Katy Penlinskie)

"We wanted to give students the opportunity to meet the so-called enemy and interact with them on neutral grounds," says Michele Divon, daughter of the Israeli Ambassador to Canada. who led the camp with Forsan Hussein.

"We wanted to create ambassadors of peace," interrects Hussein, who was raised in an Arab village in Israel, and now works for the Abraham Fund, which supports Peace Camps in the Middle East. "We wanted Israelis and Palestinians to know the stories of both sides, and to create a hetter future for both nation-

Daily discussions put an end to stereotypes and stigmas, and started a dialogue through which the participants shared personal stories, and began the process of reconciliation.

The youth took part in an activity called Shalaam Time - a combination of the Hebrew word Shalom and the Arabic word Salaam - where facilitators led talks on the occupation, suicide bombings, Hamas and the Wall. The discussions helped them develop a better understanding of one another.

Kebede says "understanding" is something the media isn't effective at fostering. "I get the feeling that Arabs think of Israelis as just an army, but we're a people," she

"And of course the Palestinians are more than just suicide bombers," adds Israeli participant Adi Dalali. "But we live in a bubble in Israel so we can never see what the other side is really feeling and thinking.

Hasan Hussein, a Palestinian, says he was surprised how well everyone got along - "now we are a happy family," he says, with a thick Arab

Hasan is optimistic the positive feelings towards the "other side" will continue even when they are all back home.

"I feel that if the government can't do something to help the conflict, then the youth can. We have the power," he says

Trepidation turns to friendship

individuals there is little hope for peace, Divon set out to change that.

An article in Israel's Ha'aretz newspaper about a young man named Forsan Hussein led Divon to contact him and invite him to join her as co-director of the Peace Camp.

Although he now lives in New York, Hussein was born and raised in a small Arab village called Shaib in northern Israel. He has been involved in summer peace camps for 16 years and now works for the Abraham Fund, which supports peace camps in the Middle East.

With the backing of a committee of community leaders, the camp became a reality. The advisory committee included Len Potechin, Senator Mac Harb, Brian Karam, Moe Atallah and David Wallace, as well as Tam Matthews, headmaster at Ashbury College who enthusiastically agreed to hold the camp there. Funds were raised to bring the teenagers to Canada and to cover the expenses of running the program.

Although there was some natural reticence between the two groups when they first arrived here, Divon and Hussein were both pleasantly surprised by how quickly the ice was broken.

"I didn't expect the students to just come here and he friends right away," said Divon. "It's not that simple. I was really surprised way the students did interact socially."

Two facilitators, one Arab and one Jewish Israeli, helped the students talk about the issues of daily suffering, said Hussein. "At the end of the day, they got to know each other as people, more and more every day."

Drama workshops were another method enabling the students to work through thoughts and emotions, to express them through acting and drama.

"God bless the Canadians," said Hussein, "These people continued to give and give ... they are fan-

" ... they got to know each other as people more and more every day."

"Individuals have been so generous with food, transportation and gifts. We have an unbelievable committee that has assisted us with everything we need to run camp successfully."

While in the city, the students visited the Museum of Civilization and watched and IMAX movie; were guests of both the Israeli and Jordanian embassies; enjoyed a pro-

and impressed with the duction of Oliver; saw the fireworks at Lac Leamy; and spent a day on the beach.

> "It has been an amazing experience," said Hussein.

> Each Israeli and Palestinian youth was paired up with someone from the other group as room-mates. In this way, even after the formal program of the day ended, there was an opportunity for informal friendship building to develop.

"Socially, Peace Camp Canada has surpassed my expectations. It really warms my heart to see them together," said Divon.

"We are trying to create friendships strong enough to last, regardless of occurrences back home, even though they may not have - and will not have - a very supportive environ-

Students were given IT training so that they could create their own websites and a chat room for participants is planned as well so that they can stay in touch when they return to their

"There is no doubt that these kids will stay in contact. We plan to stay in touch, to plan reunions. At the end of the day, it will all be up to them. I am very hopeful," said Hussein

"Hopefully, it will have a ripple effect," said Divon. "If we can bring as many students as possible to see this and to see how life is where there is not conflict. how good life can be."

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Volunteer Profile: Ron Weiss

Volunteering a responsibility and joy

When speaking of his experiences planning UJA events and embarking upon missions to Israel, Ron Weiss quotes the old adage 'figure out what you enjoy doing and you'll never work a day in your life.'

For Ron Weiss, co-chair of the Physicians and Surgeons division of the UJA general campaign, volunteering is both a responsibility

Referring to the missions and the community events he has had a hand in organizing as 'just plain fun,' Ron explains that he "doesn't consider volunteer involvement separately from life. It is, however, a responsibility. If I do my part and everybody else does their part, then we should have a strong, healthy community."

Ron grew up in a relatively uninvolved family and then married into a very community-minded family and quickly followed their lead.



His genesis as a community leader was also greatly influenced by the time he spent in Israel while in medical school.

"I fell in love with Israel on my first trip, and after that there was no turning back," he admits. "This experience coupled with the development of long term friendships and many more excursions to Israel, resulted in a strong sense of commitment to Israel and the Jewish community that I had not experienced before."

Ron is co-chairing the Physicians and Surgeons Division of the campaign for his third time. He says, "the single most important thing for our division is to foster a sense of community and

He also feels that finding out why some people feel disenfranchised and doing what we can to reach out to them is pivotal to the campaign work he undertakes. As he points out, "once one feels a sense of belonging and inclusion, the participation flows naturally" and goes a long to way to assist in "Building A Secure Jewish

Ron is co-chairing the Physicians and Surgeons Division of this year's UJA Campaign with Dr. Hartley Stern.

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IDF chief slams Egypt for role in smuggling

Ry Arich O'Sullivan

1DF Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Moshe Ya'alon recently launched a blistering attack against the Egyptian government, blaming it for facilitating arms smuggling into the Gaza Strip.

Speaking to a small group of reporters in his Tcl Aviv headquarters in a closed-door meeting. Ya'alon blasted the Egyptians for allowing the Palestinians to continue smuggling arms from Sinai into Gaza despite Israeli protests.

According to a summary of his comments, leaked by a person present in the meeting, Ya'alon charged

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that if the Egyptians wanted the Palestinians to have Katyusha rockets capable of hitting Ashkelon, they would facilitate that as

ming it for facilitating ms smuggling into the taza Strip.

Speaking to a small could halt the smuggling of rocket-propelled grenades into Gaza.

Ya'alon added that Egypt knew exactly which arms were being smuggled, and could halt the smuggling of rocket-propelled grenades into Gaza.

His scathing comments came as top Defense Ministry officials are trying to stabilize meetings with Egyptian security counterparts to coordinate the disengagement from the Gaza Strip. These talks are being headed by Maj-Gen. (ret.) Amos Gilad, head of the ministry's political bureau.

According to defense sources, Gilad is seeking an agreement by which Egypt and the Palestinian Authority will secure its end of the Philadelphia corridor, the narrow border separating Sinai from the Gaza Strip where Palestinians are digging tunnels to facilitate

arms smuggling.

According to reports, recent talks held in Egypt resulted in an Israeli agreement to allow more experienced Egyptian troops into the border area, instead of Egyptian Border Police. This would be a modification to the peace treaty between the two countries, which aimed at distancing the Egyptian and Israeli forces.

The area in question was the focus of two internal IDF inquiries just submitted to the IDF chief. In his briefing to journalists, Ya'alon revealed that the IDF command had made a number of "judgment failures" regarding decisions made during the May operations in Gaza City and Rafah that resulted in the death of 13 subders.

Ya'alon also praised the fighting spirit shown by the troops and said he accepted the recommendations of the IDF reports.

The inquiries by Maj .-

Gen. Eval Ben-Reuven and OC Southern Command Mai.-Gen. focused on IDF operations that led to the deadly destruction of an armored personnel carrier in the Gaza City neighborhood of Zeitun on May 11, the explosion of another APC the following day along the Philadelphia corridor, and an ambush two days later in the Rafah refugee camp. Thirteen soldiers: were killed in these incidents

The inquirers examined the practice of carrying large amounts of explosives in the APC and the implementation of changes in the procedure following their detonation by a Palestinianlaid mine.

These recommendations included providing more means and resources to forces, as well as measures to more quickly implement immediate operational requirements, according to an IDF statement.

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Below find a copy of the relevant dales.

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As we embark upon the Jewish New Year. Elul 5764, it seems only fitting that, as President of the Vaad, I too take stock of our past deeds and the many strides made throughout the year, and look ahead to a new year filled with many anticipated changes within the community

In May 2003, the Vaad Ha'lr approved the report of the Strategic Planning Task Force: a plan devised to examine among other things, the need to maintain Jewish identity, vision and values; the challenge of matching dollars and needs; the reorganization of the Vaad's governance structure; and the improvement of Vaad agencies inter-relationships and effectivenese

Since the plan's inception, our energies have focused on its implementation and developing the organizational structures needed to meet our emerging needs. The challenges of meeting the nceds of our steadily growing Jewish community - one of the fastest growing in Canada (16 per cent in the last 10 years) - arc considerable. Given the great diversity within our community, it has become increasingly important to have in place a decision-making process that is seen as open, democratic and accountable; thereby giving all factions within the community a voice.

I am pleased to report that the Vaad's goals this year will be to implement a



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Arnie Vered President

new governance structure, a new allocations process in respect of the 2005 round of allocations, and approve a statement of values

The Vaad will also focus on outreach to the unaffiliated and disconnected, and on promoting excellence in service among our agencies and local organizations. As always, the Vaad continues to look for ways to meet the growing needs of funding our agencies so that they may continue to serve the community more effectively

September 8th marks the launch of the annual UJA campaign, with a team of over 300 canvassers in place and led by UJA Campaign Chair Robert Greenberg, and Women's Division Campaign Co-chairs Anna-Lee Chiprout and Suzanne Sassoon. With this year's campaign slogan, Building A Secure Jewish Future, in mind, the 2005 campaign is primed to 'secure' a 15 per cent increase in communal donor support. Anyone wishing to lend a hand is encouraged to get on board and participate in Super-

Week, which begins September 19 to the 22nd.

Plans are also under way for a special community endowment campaign to raise \$25 million of additional endowment funds that will provide additional annual funding to our community and its agencies with the intent to ensuring adequate sources of continual funding to deal with its ever-increasing needs. Endowment campaign chairs are Chick and Rose Taylor and Irving and Ethel Taylor.

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The Vaad's thriving Community Relation's (CRC) portfolio will continue its efforts to develop programs and workshops with a strong emphasis on community outreach to both the Jewish community and the community-at-large.

The Israel Action Committee of the CRC is planning activities that will continue to advocate for Israel, and the Shoah Committee is looking to the

of understanding for this year's Holocaust education programs. Both committees welcome new participants and ideas.

And last, but by no means least, another inspiring UJA mission to Israel is in the works for May, with Neil Shinder and Barbara Crook as this year's mission co-chairs. And like the two previous memorable missions that had an unprecedented number of individuals representing a cross-section of the community: this mission promises yet another enriching unparalleled experience.

As you sit amongst your families and friends this Rosh Hashanah and reflect on the year past and the 'sweet' year ahead, it is my hope that your thoughts will also be of community and commitment. Strengthening our bonds, collaborating, and unifying our actions to face the many challenges and threats that lie ahead, are crucial so that our Ottawa Jewish community may continue to be vibrant for generations to come. Together we can make a difference!

On behalf of the Officers of the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa/Vaad Ha'lr, I would like to extend Shana Tova greetings to the entire community. May this year be filled with health, happiness and peace.

For more information on any of the above programs or Vaad initiatives. please contact vaad@jccottawa.com.

What does being Jewish mean to you?

On February 21, 2002 Daniel Pearl, an American journalist, was murdered by terrorists in Pakistan

The videotape of Daniel Pearl's murder made it possible for people everywhere to hear the words spoken by Pearl in the last hours of his life: "My father is Jewish, my mother is Jewish, I am Jew-

It would not be an exaggeration to suggest that this sentence struck an especially deep chord for Jews everywhere. In response to the murder of their son, Daniel Pearl's parents published a book.

It is not a book searching for answers to deep theological questions, nor an exploration of parental vengeance. The book uses Pearl's last words as a catalyst for individual Jews to reflect upon, question, ponder, discuss, analyze, and hopefully clarify their own feelings about their Jewishness. The Pearls asked hundreds of famous, near famous and not famous individuals to answer the question, "What does being Jewish mean to

A wonderful legacy has been left in their child's name. However, it is a sad commentary on our Jewish world that it takes a terrible tragedy for us to reflect on the meaning of Jewishness

Yet each year as the High Holy Days



From the nulnit

Rabbi Steven Garten Temple Israel

approach, we personally reflect on our Jewishness, and no one prints the answers. If you renew your membership in a temple, synagogue, or chavurah, you proclaim one meaning of your Jewishness. If you attend services, you proclaim one meaning and if you really worship, you proclaim another. The opposite is also true if you do not participate in these special opportunities. You proclaim another kind meaning to your Iewishness

Danny Pearl was not a religious Jew. Judaism for him was the language of his extended family - a source of strength, commitment and historical identity. His parents tell us that "I am Jewish" meant "I must understand."

They write: "Danny meant that, as a Jew, I have inherited no other mental tranquilizer except that chronic urge to question and to understand.

That may not be the most traditional answer. It may not be my answer or

yours, but it is potent to know that Daniel Pearl was speaking of Judaism as more than genetics. He had considered the meaning of his heritage and was able to communicate it to his loved ones.

Can you do that? Have you taken the time to consider what being Jewish means to you beyond a few foods. Yiddish words, family of origin, or synagogue membership?

As I read the Pearls' book, I asked myself, "What is my answer to this question? Do my loved ones know what being Jewish really means to me?"

Perhaps this Rosh Hashanah, in addition to wondering about the brisket and the new elothes and the time off from work, we can dedicate ourselves to answering this simple but profound

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Crook's new career

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anti-Israel and anti-US hatred, and teach
children to become martyrs for Allah by
becoming suicide bombers.

After hearing Itimar Marcus, the founder and director of PMW speak during that fateful first visit to Israel, Crook was shocked by what she heard.

"Like most of us I knew there was incitement on the Palestinian side, but I had no idea of the level of incitement until his presentation."

Marcus showed a PA television video that depicted incitement and both glorified and called on children to commit Shahada (death for Allah) by becoming suicide bombers. When he explained to his audience how they could help by contacting journalists they knew to bring this story to their attention, Crook decided to use her 20 years of experience as a journalist to help get the word out.

The moment she returned to Ottawa, Crook was online researching the story, arranging for Marcus to speak in Ottawa and helping organize national press interviews. She began editing and writing PMW bulletins and soon became the non-paying North American representative of the organization.

She laughingly says she thought her volunteer work for the PMW would take "a



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couple of hours a week- not take over my life."

Crook worries that a whole new generation of Palestinians has been "virtually poisoned by this kind of indoctrination" they see on their television and read daily in their newspapers.

To counteract these teachings, PMW works with governments throughout the world to use their political and economical power to pressure the PA to get this kind of incitement off the airwaves, get the textbooks changed and encourage a free press. Marcus is constantly on the road meeting with government officials in North America, Europe and Australia.

In a recent report presented to the US Congress, PMW research uncovered loopholes in US law that allowed money to end up in the hands of those who promoted terrorism and anti-American behaviour. For example, a USAID built soccer stadium was named after the head of the Black

September Movement that was responsible for the killing of two American diptomats in Sudan in 1973 and 11 Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympies in 1972. With the help of US money, not only are Gaza City streets repaired, but they are named after terrorist bombers who are idolized by young people. Thanks to the report, a group of US bi-partisan legislators are in the final stages of changing the law. Interestingly, all the PMW recommendations have been accepted by the legislators.

"The idea is to still get the money to the projects that really need it. We just don't want to see the finished projects used to incite people to terror," says Crook.

Although they have had some success, getting the message out to the mainstream media is one of the greater challenges facing PMW. Crook spends a great deal of time talking with journalists and explaining bow the work of PMW can give them a different perspective. She doesn't expect the media to necessarily take the side of Israel; however, she does expect them to show both sides of the story. Crook is confident that more of the media "will use us as one of their sources."

She is a strong supporter of the peace process and is planning for the Israel community mission participants to visit a school where Jews and Arabs study together. She supports the type of peace building seen recently at the Peace Camp in Ottawa

and says focusing on common values is important.

However, she insists "you can't just focus on the bridge building and common ground stuff, if you don't understand, certainly at the [PA] political leadership level, the goal is not to create harmony and get along. It's 'let's take back our land and no Israel.'

The ugly reality is that the PA's leadership support and encouragement of incitement, hate promotion and suicide bombings have erected serious obstacle to peace. "As much as I applaud and participate in peace building activities, my most effective work right now is to make people aware of the other side," she says.

This fall, Crook will be visiting five Canadian cities to talk about the work of the PMW and to speak on the importance of Tikkun Olam (repairing the world) to various organizations.

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On behalf of the staff and Bulletin advisory committee, we wish you and your family a Shana Tova. May we all have a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Life on the street: homeless and Jewish in Ottawa

How many homeless people are there in Canada? No one really knows, but the numbers measure in the tens of thousands.

Homelessness tells us that something is very wrong with the way our society works, because lots of people are falling by the wayside despite the relative prosperity Canadians enjoy. A disproportionate number of homeless people have or develop serious mental problems. Many become drug addicts, drug dealers, or become HIV positive. Many engage in petty crime or street prostitution to support themselves. Disturbingly, there are also many young people, who have left home because of sexual or physical abuse.

Over 600 individuals from the Jewish community are homeless. According to Mark Zarecki, excentive director of Jewish Family Services, a number of them live in Ottawa

Zarecki 's agency has been doing some extraordinary things to help the homeless, under a program called *Street Smarts*. An unfunded initiative, *Street Smarts* is staffed by volunteers. It aims at connecting with homeless people, Jewish and non-Jewish; distributing food, clothing and toiletries to them; and helping them get into drug rehabilitation programs.

Mark Gershman was a Jewish homeless person living in Ottawa. He lived in the Shepherds of Good Hope shelter in Lower-



How I see it

Bob Dale

town. There, he developed a network of friends, most of whom were also homeless.

Mark came from an ordinary family in Toronto, and trained as a chef. He lost contact with his family as a result of the problems that drove him into homelessness, including alcohol and drugs. Before he became ill, he operated a bicycle repair business. Despite his life situation, Mark was philosophical, happy to be alive, telling his friends that life was beautiful He had a strong commitment to God and Judaism, something other Jewish homeless people say is rare, given the anti-Semitism they encounter on the streets.

Mark touched many people, including Natalie Gussman, who encouraged him to attend synagogue and had him over on several occasions to the Sandy Hill apartment she and husband Tommy share, for Shabbat or a holiday dinner.

Mark died suddenly in early July. Many of his friends, including those who live on the streets, attended his graveside funeral. There was no money to pay for it, but that wasn't a problem for David Freeman, president of Congregation Machzikei Hadas, who promptly offered a plot in his synagogue's section, gratis, when Rabbi Howard Finklestein approached him about the situation after others bad declined to help out.

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Rabbi Bulka officiated, and the Chevra Kadisha volunteers stood solemnly by the graveside. Cantor Yair Subar sang the Keil Molei Rachamim, the prayer for the peace of the departed soul. Subar had been quietly visiting Mark on a daily basis over the past couple of years, comforting him and helping him put on tefillin. Cantor Subar was also planning to help Mark study for the Bar Mitzvah the never had.

Rosh Hashanah is the start of the Jewish New Year, when Jews around the world evaluate what they have done during the year just passed, and resolve to lead better lives in the future. One of the things you might want to do during the holiday season is to make a donation, even a small one, to Jewish Family Service's *Street Smarts* program. Another is to volunteer with the program.

Rabbis, lawyers, social workers and just interested citizens have already done so, joining with Pete Cassidy, the program's primary outreach worker, to walk the streets of the Byward Market or up and down Elgin. Community leaders could also consider putting aside special funding, to ensure that Jewish homeless people have a Jewish funeral, when money isn't available from their own sources. In addition, we must all ensure that processes are in place to allow funeral preparations to begin without delay even when people lack financial resources, because in Jewish law, bodies must be buried as soon as possible.

Ottawa's Jewish community offers us many positive things. Despite that, Mark Gershman had no Jewish facility where he could seek shelter and get off the streets. For Mark and other homeless Jews, contact with Judaism is only through people who choose to visit and comfort them. like Natalie Gussman, Yair Subar, and Mark Zarecki. We must do everything in our power to ensure that Jews like Mark Gershman, regardless of their circumstances, always feel that they are part of Ottawa's Jewish community. That's the best thing we could do in Mark's memory.

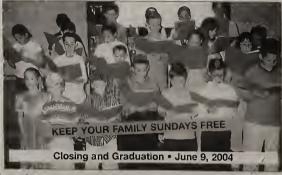
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Welcoming the unaffiliated to SJCC for Rosh Hashanah

By Katy Penlinskie

On September 12, the Soloway Jewish Community Centre (SJCC) will be reaching out to mixed heritage families with an event called Happy Birthday World

This Rosh Hashanah celebration is intended to get families with only one Jewish partner involved in Jewish life since intermarried counles are often unaffiliat-

"We encourage intermarried families to celebrate Rosh Hashanah [with us]

since they sometimes feel a group." they don't belong at synagogues," says Maxine Miska. We also want to give their kids a taste of Judaism."

Miska says there will be cake, games and storytelling. Another important part of the get-together will be discussing future programming that participants might want from the SJCC.

"Maybe we can plan swimming or skating days with them," says Miska. "Anything that will allow them to meet and socialize as

Miska savs she also hones the SICC will be able to teach the families ways of living with two backgrounds.

"How do we celebrate Chanukah?' they might ask. 'Is it possible to honour both of our faiths?' These are the questions we want to be able to answer for them," Miska

The Happy Birthday World party will be free.

For more information, call Maxine Miska (798-9818, ext. 263).

Israel's tourism industry booming

By Katy Peplinskie Israel has experienced

record tourism highs this summer reports its Ministry of Tourism

"Things are really picking up," Carlson Wagonlit Travel's Sandy Granatstein says. There was a standstill after the start of the [second] Intifada, but people are now less nervous, and excited to book a trip."

Israel has had a 58 per cent increase in visitors from

January through July 2004. over the same period last year, 821,800 tourists flooded into the country, many coming from Canada the United States, Great Britain, Russia, Italy, and even

Hotel occupancy in the greater Tel Aviv area was at a 10 year high during August, reaching full capacity in the shoreline cities of Tel Aviv. Bat Yam, Herzliya and Netanya. Hotels in the Dead

Sea and Jerusalem also experienced exceptionally high occupancies.

Granatstein save the majority of people visiting Israel are part of organized Jewish and Christian mission trips, but others are coming alone to explore Israel's beaches unique Banhans architecture and nightlife.

Tourism is Israel's second largest industry. It directly and indirectly employs more than 280,000 people.

Pirkei Avot: the wisdom of our sages

"Rabbi Yossi said ... apply yourself to study Torah, for it is not yours by inheritance; and let all your deeds be for the sake of heaven," Chapter 2 Mishna 17

Ry Rahhi Micah Shatkin

Rabbi Chaim of Volozhin (1749 - 1821) says that in Deuteronomy (33, 4) it states, "The Torah that Moses commanded us is the inheritance of the Congregation of Jacob '

How can Rabbi Yossi say that Torah is not yours by inheritance? The Torah clearly states that it is. Rabbi Chaim of Volozhin answers that the Torah is an inheritance to the Jewish people as a whole, and it will never be taken away. But as far as the individual is concerned, it is his inheritance that he must work to

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I'm delighted to report that Negev Dinner 2004 plans are coming along magnificently. The 2004 event takes place on Monday, November 15 at the Westin Hotel and features the renowned lawyer, brilliant orator and writer Alan Dershowitz in the guest speaker's chair. See the full-page ad in this issue, watch future Bulletins for information, and plan to be there!

THE STEERING COMMITTEE

The Negev Dinner Steering Committee is in place and it is definitely a Dream Team. Honourary Chair: Mayor Bob Chiarelli; Dinner Chair: Stephen Victor, Q.C. Sponsors and Patrons: Stephen Victor, Norman Barwin, Norman Lesh, Lisa Cogan, and Mark Klyman, Corporate Tables: Norman Barwin, Leiba Krantzberg, Rob Nelson, Jacques Emond, and Ron Prehogan. Tribute/Gift Chair is Lynn O'Neil, and Foundation Chairs are Mark Klyman, Norman Lesh, Jack Smith, Lisa Cogan. The Souvenir Book is the responsibility of John Greenberg, Lisa Cogan and Naomi Lipsky Cracower. Dinner Arrangements Chair is Lori Loeb; Special Event Chair is Josie Finestone; Publicity is the domain of Rhoda Levitan. Chief in Charge of Tickets is Jill Stem; and Advisory Co-Chairs are Leon Bronstein and Gladys

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The Ottawa Recreation Centre, located along one of the main forest roads, is considered one of the main picule areas of the forest. Funds raised at the 2004 Negev Dinner will allow JNF to upgrade the area to accommodate the physically challenged by paving the access ways to admit wheel-chairs, by furnishing tables, water fountains and barbeque surfaces that are wheelchair height, and by providing easy access to the main path.

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Honest Reporting: anti-Israel bias climbs to unprecedented levels in the media

By Katy Peplinskie

As Mark Twain said, "If you don't read the newspaper, you are uninformed; if you do read the newspaper, you are misinformed.'

Watchdog Honest Reporting (HR) finds that since the outbreak of the Al Aqsa Intifada, anti-Israel bias in the media has climbed to unprecedented levels. HR has set out to make the public aware of the media's errors.

"It's not like we think everyone has it in for the Jews," says Dov Smith, executive director of the Canadian branch of Honest Reporting. "We understand that reporters are under time constraints and are trying to summarize a great dea! of information in only a few short paragraphs."

"But everyone reporters and editors included - comes from some kind of perspective, and those points of view often influence news coverage, however unintentionally," says Smith. "We do not expect the news media to give Israel a free ride, just a

Smith also says that the

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Canadians in relation to the Middle East is not contextualized properly.

"How often, amidst the thousands of articles and news reports, have our media informed Canadians that of 22 Middle Eastern countries. Israel is the only democracy? That Israel is the only country in the region where the government answers to the people, and there is a free court system where everyone, Jew and Arab alike, can fight for their rights?" Smith asks.

He continues: "How often have our media informed Canadians that the so-called 'militant' groups Hamas, Islamic Jihad and Al Aosa Martyrs Brigades are all deemed 'terrorist organizations' under Canadian law?

Smith adds that affecting media coverage affects public opinion, which in turn affects public policy. "Our goal is to make public policy more favourable for Israel

The Canadian HR website (www.honestreporting. ca) identifies several media violations against Israel.

One is the use of misleading definitions and terminology. For example, the media often refers to Israel's prime minister Ariel Sharon by monikers like "war criminal," though such appellations are seldom attached to Yasser Arafat.

Another violation HR identifies is lack of context. For example, a BBC photo depicted two Palestinians, hands tied behind their

overall picture presented to backs, and kneeling on the ground. Standing over them was an Israeli soldier with a rille pointed at their heads. There was no context explaining the photo, only the caption, "Tension has been high around the Jewish settlements." The BBC did not identify the Arabs, or the reason for the guns, even though the Israeli soldiers were only arresting the Palestinians, and never fired the rifles.

> Selective omission is another problem in the media, according to HR. By reporting certain events over others, the media is able to control access to information and manipulate public sentiment. For example, the media has frequently blamed the eruption of the Intifada on Ariel Sharon's visit to the Temple Mount, even though Palestinian Minister of Communications Imad el-Falouji told the media the Intifada had been planned since the Camp David peace talks

The website's last violation mentioned is the media's distortion of fact. reporting.ca.

lished in the New York Times, Associated Press, and other major media outlets that featured a bloodied man crouching next to a club-wielding Israeli policeman.

As HR states, "The caption identified him as a Palestinian victim of the recent riots, with the clear implication that the Israeli soldier is the one who beat

In fact, the victim was Tuvia Grossman, a Jewish student, and his assailants were a Palestinian mob.

The website gives many other examples of anti-Israel bias.

As Smith says, consuming the news must be an active pursuit - people must be vigilant so as not to be unsuspectingly swayed by anyone's agenda.

Smith encourages people to join the fight against media bias, and write editorial letters when they notice unfair reporting.

For more information on Honest Reporting visit their website at www.honest





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A new climate of hate

Comment

The anti-Zionists are

anti-Semites who masauerade

as moral champions,

lurking behind masks

of anti-imperialism

and anti-colonialism.

By Katy Peplinskie

How Odd of God to Choose the Jews went the title of a popular Yeshiva book in the 1940s. A more fitting title, though, may have been, How Odd of God to Suffer the Jews, since it was the peak of Hitler's reign, and most Jews were being packed into trains like livestock, and shipped to slaughter houses.

But sometime after the Second World War, this new title lost its meaning, and Jews forgot what it was

like to be scapegoated, demonized, and hated. For a while, anti-Semitism became the exception rather than the rule. For a while, history

New York Times columnist David Brooks summed it up nicely when he wrote, "After Joe Lieberman completed his...campaign for the vice-presidency, I pretty much concluded that anti-Semitism was no longer a major feature of ... life [and that] the Anti-Defamation League should close up shop."

But suddenly, after years of latency, anti-Semitism is again going mainstream.

No, Jews are not being chased down alleyways and called Christ killers. They are not being penned up in ghettos and forced to lick the streets of Europe. The ovens have Iong cooled, and the Czarist pogroms have become dusty memories of the past.

But many other evidences of anti-Semi-

tism have surfaced, even in Canada, involving swastikas on homes, vandalism of Jewish cemeterics and synagogues, and the recent firebombing of the United Talmud Torah elementary school. There is

also a creeping sentiment that anti-Semitic remarks are more acceptable in academic discussion, as well as at the dinner table.

The Pilot Survey by the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics recently compiled the findings of 12 Canadian police forces. A total of 928 hate crime incidents were reported during the period being examined, with 57 per cent motivated by race or ethnicity, and 43 per cent prompted by the victim's religion.

"The largest single group identified in the pilot survey was Jewish people or institutions. One-quarter of the 928 hate crime incidents reported by the 12 participating police services were anti-Semitic in nature," the survey, published by Statistics Canada, stated.

Of course there are naysayers who insist these incidents are meaningless. They say that, as always, Jews are looking for antisemites under every bed, and hearing the breaking of glass with every whisper of prejudice.

But sadly, the threat is real, and even more menacing considering the international climate in which it is developing – it coincides with the emergence of Israel as the New Jew. Indeed, Israel has become a sort of garbage pail into which anti-Semites fuel all their wrath and opposition to the Jews. This is the age of "anti-Zionism" – an age of critics who purport to support the Jews, but condemn Israel a bit too gleefully. The anti-Zionists are anti-Semites who masquerade as moral champions, lurking behind masks of anti-imperialism and anti-colonialism.

Anti-Zionists maintain that if Palestine indeed had been a "land without a people for

a people without a land," they would not object to the Jewish movement of national liberation. But Palestine

was not empty when the Jews flooded in. In fact, the Jews may have expelled thousands of Arabs from their rightful homes by the time Israel achieved independence in 1948. This reality is enough to make anti-Zionists dismiss Zionism as an immoral enterprise.

Such a verdict is harsh, but is it anti-Semitic? As writer Jonathan Freedland says, it all comes down to the "double standard." If these critics take the same hard line on all new nations founded by immigrants who displaced the earlier inhabitants, then their reasoning is perfectly acceptable. If they deny the right of Canada, the United States, Australia, New Zealand, and Latin America to exist, then they are immune to charges of anti-Semitism.

But, no, anti-Zionists are often only vocal when it comes to Israel. Many ignore the religiously based partition of the Indian subcontinent between Pakistan and India that took

place at the same time as the creation of Israel, creating hundreds of thousands of refugees.

They also remain silent about China, even though it invaded Tibet in 1950, embarking on a policy

of occupation and oppression that continues unabated, today.

And barely a finger is shaken at Syria, a

place where innocent citizens have been captured by the thousands, isolated in prison cells away from their families and the world, and subjected to the most brutal sorts of torture under which hundreds have been killed.

It is Israel's "human rights violations" that make headlines again and again.

At the latest meeting of the UN Human Rights Commission, one agenda item was headed: "Human Rights Violations by Israel in the Occupied Territories." Israel was subject to five indictments, even before the hearings began. No other country had more than one indictment, and China and Syria had none at all.

This double standard toward Israel is also seen in other ways, notably in the emerging portrayal of Israel as a land of neo-Nazis dominating a new Apartheid. Critics imply that Israel has alternatives apparent to anyone with even an ounce of moral sophistication. "The IDF need not be so violent," they say pompously. "So many Palestinians needn't die."

Have too many innocent people been (Continued on page 11)

Berlin Conference confronts anti-Semitism

In the city where the Holocaust was engineered and directed, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) held the Berlin Conference on Anti-Semitism. Here, participating states denounced all acts motivated by hate. and agreed to take countermeasures.

"In hosting this event, we want to accept Germany's historic and moral responsibility for the Shoah," said

Germany's Foreign Minister meeting? In the closing state-Joschka Fischer. "The memory of this monstrous crime against humanity will continue to influence German politics in the future."

Despite the very tight security and the seriousness of the topic being discussed, the overall mood of the gathering was upbeat. Speaker after speaker denounced anti-Semitism and pledged to struggle against it.

But what were the really significant results of the state of our democracy.

ment, known as the "Berlin Declaration," there were a few key points. Among the most profound was recognition of the universality of the impact of anti-Semitism.

How we treat minorities in our countries, and, above all, how we treat citizens of Jewish faith, says a lot about us," said Fischer. "How welcome, at home and safe Jewish people feel in Europe is a key criterion for judging the

emphatically stated that the Israeli-Arab conflict is no excuse or justification for anti-Semitism. "It would be naïve not to recognize that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is having an impact on the way in which our citizens view each other" said Canada's then foreign affairs minister, Bill Graham. "But whatever the differences our nations and citizens may have on that question, we must not let the turbulence in that region infect our own societies or serve as a pretext for anti-Semitism or any form of

Senator Grafstein who was part of the Canadian delegation, and was present as an active member of the OSCE's Parliamentary Association, championed the need for an ongoing international process to combat anti-Semitism. He urged that a concrete plan to fight anti-Semitism be adopted which would include better statistics-keeping, specialized law enforce-

discrimination."

The declaration also ment, educational initiatives and sensitizing the media to avoid intolerance and incitement. Many of these initiatives are already in place in

> Did the Berlin Conference undo the damage of the anti-Jewish and anti-Israel hatefest at the UN World Conference Against Racism (WCAR) held in Durban, South Africa in late summer of 2001? Perhaps not -WCAR was bigger, louder and longer. But if the OSCE initiative on anti-Semitism finds legs and becomes an entrenched element in the Western World's body politic, than it will ultimately surpass Durban and gradually undo some of the damage that was done there.

> Kieth Landy, past-president of the Canadian Jewish Congress and David Matas of B'nai Brith attended the

Jack Silverstone, who attended the conference, is the chief of staff for Joe Volpe, minister of Human Resources and Skills Development.

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It's a girl!

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Anti-Semites ignore Israeli suffering

killed in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict? Of course. The nize.' Israeli army recently issued a report stating that 18 per cent of Palestinians killed have been civilians, a harsh blow to even the most fanatic Zionist.

But as Israeli author Daniel Gordis points out, "When the army lets up, our buses explode. When security measures are loosened, just a bit, our children don't

make it home from school. So we struggle, and we ago-But no, anti-Semites

imply that Jews are all comfortable with the chaos, with the carnage, with the constant river of blood in the streets. They fail to acknowledge that Israelis have endured the equivalent of 9/11 every other week since 2000, once you take the population differences between Israel and the

That's the reality of anti-Semitism - it's an attack stitched together by lies and omissions, and grounded in unjustified objection to a Jewish state. To demand more of Israel than is asked of other nations, and to shield this prejudice behind the guise of moral superiority is to be effectively anti-Semitic. And anti-Semitism - in all its ugly forms - is again going

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Survivors' message affirms value of human life

Ry Zey Kalin

This year's Holocaust education program will highlight what survivors of the Shoah and other genocides can teach us: how it is essential to choose to go on living even after experiencing immense evil; to bear witness; and to fight against its recurrence.

This lesson is perhaps even more important as we are increasingly surrounded by the growing strength and influence of death. Our society fails, so miserably to teach its young the value of life that they are taking their own in increasing numbers.

Suicide killers specifically target civilians, yet their crimes are rationalized and accepted here. Overseas they are glorified by twisting the teachings of religion. The threat of continuing genocide hangs over Sudan and other countries and our country does nothing. And our society is itself half caught up in a war mentality geared towards the destruction of the enemy.

Never has it been more urgent to hear the message of survivors.

Choosing to go on, bearing witness and fighting injustice transforms them from victims of atrocities into victors over destruction. They affirm the value of human life even as others seek to destroy it. Their example, embracing the positive pursuit of life instead of wallowing in the destructiveness of hate, gives us cause to hope.

Those who take part in the Holocaust education program will share in remembrance, learn from

tinuing genocide hangs survivors and their experiover Sudan and other countries and our country does pathing Ad our society is

Programming will consist of workshops that teach how to deal with hatred.

Three workshops are currently under develop-

"Teaching the Teachers"

will explore how to teach the Shoah and what resources are available to do so

"Survivors Speak" will have individual survivors of the Shoah and other genocides sharing their experience, their ongoing struggle for justice and their hopes for the future. "Lessons of the Shoah: Stop Hate before it Starts" will investigate the practical meaning of "Love thy Neighbour." It will be a thought provoking and engaging interactive workshop on how to recognize the sources of hate, bias and prejudice around us and demonstrate how to

fight these ills.

These programs can be delivered in schools (Grades 7 and up), religious institutions or community settings

Contact Rubin Friedman (rfriedman@jccottawa.com or 798-4696, ext. 297) to learn more or arrange a program for your organization.

Holocaust education planned events

The first event open to the general public will be "Raoul Wallenberg—Symbol of Justice and Humanity." This exhibit remembers a man who risked his own life to save others during the Shoah. It then uses his example to teach his values.

Anyone wishing to volunteer to act as guides for school groups visiting this exhibit is invited to attend a special training session. For more information contact Zev Kalin (zevkalin@ magna ca or 567-8281)

There will be a Kristallnacht observation, commemorating November 9, 1938, the opening act of the Nazis' intentional mass destruction of the Jews.

"Never Again: Drawing a Line in the Sand" will be an exploration of the theory that genocidal activities follow a set of stages. The goal is to sensitize participants to the signals that warn genocide is in the making. The program will use the Shoah to demonstrate the thesis. It will continue by examining Rwanda as an example of where the world was called upon to intervene, failed to do so, and the consequences. Sudan will bring us to the current day, illustrating genocide in action, how intervention could still take "The fate of Hungarian Jews in the Holocaust; acknowledging the past and what it means for Hungary today" will be a presentation by Balint Magyar, Hungary's minister of Education.

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Day of Torah learning dedicated to Ruth Berger

By Rabbi Binyomin Holland

The Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation (OJCF) recently dedicated a day of Torah learning at Ottawa's Kollel to Ruth Berger, in recognition of her contributions to the community. Berger served on the OJCF board for five years.

The lunch and learn day at the Kollel's Carling Ave. location brought together family, friends, members of the board of the OJCF and Kollel members. Berger's sister Debra Cohen and mother Doris Edelstein attended.

A plaque bearing Ruth Berger's name in Hebrew and English was placed prominently near the entrance to the Kollel.

The appropriateness of remembering Berger in this way became increasingly clear during a Dvar Torah given by Rabbi Burr, dean of the Kollel, who spoke of the merits that accrue to the soul of the departed, not only from their own good deeds, but also the good deeds of those they had influenced in their lifetime.

In different ways, the personal comments offered by Berger's cousin, Chuck Merovitz, her childhood friend, lan Sadinsky, Cantor David Aptowitzer and others echoed this theme. They all spoke about how deeply dedicated she and her late husband, Gerald, a former president of the Vaad, were to

family and community, and how they contributed to Ottawa's vibrant Jewish community.

Many of Berger's achievements were remembered. Berger had made passionate efforts on behalf of Soviet Jewry in the late 1970s and 1980s when she enlisted her friends in the Group of 35.

She also advanced young musical talent through the OJCF's Pinchas Zukerman Scholarship Program for Israeli musicians. Cantor Aptowitzer's 15-year-old granddaughter Rachel, an accomplished cellist and beneficiary of the program, made a point of being present at the lunch to acknowledge Berger's help and friendship.

Marty Davis, past executive director of the Jewish Community Foundation, was the driving force behind this celebration.

The Kollel's "Parnes HaYom" (literally, "sponsor for a day") program offers members of the community a meaningful way in which to honour the memory of a departed loved one; mark an anniversary, birthday, wedding or bar mitzvah; demonstrate gratitude for a refuah sheleimah; or honour a friend or community leader by sponsoring a day of Torah learning, which in turn contributes to further developing a vibrant and sustainable Jewish community - a cause that was so dear to both Ruth and Gerry Berger.



The late Ruth Berger's sister Debra Cohen and mother Doris Edelstein attend a Kollel day of Torah learning that celebrated Berger's volunteerism.

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King of Sweden honours Vera Gara

Raoul Wallenberg exhibit to visit Ottawa

By Zev Kalin

"It was low key and elegant, the way I like it."

Her description of the ceremony where she was appointed a Member, First Class, of the Royal Order of the Polar Star hy order of His Majesty King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden might surprise those who have worked with Vera Gara.

While often elegant, low key is not what one generally beautiful residence. Among associates with this Hungari-

One thing obvious to anyone who knows Gara is that

(Ottawa

she gets things done.

This most recent honour was "in recognition of (her) longstanding engagement in numerous human rights activities, not least those honouring the work and achievements of Raoul Wallenberg," according to Ambassador Swedish Lennart Alvin.

The Ambassador hosted about a hundred guests at his the notables were Justice Minister Irwin Coller, Senator Laurier LaPierre, retired Senator Sheila Finestone,

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Shaping our future together

She is perhaps best known for her Shoah (Holocaust)

Gara survived the horrors of Bergen-Belsen concentration camp and Theresienstadt. She was deported to the former in December 1944 and moved to the latter in March 1945, From there, she was liberated in May 1945.

Shoah (Holocaust) Commit-

Israel's Ambassador Haim and Hungarian Divon Ambassador Denes Tomaj.

Gara may be a registered nurse by profession, but her vocation appears to be voluntarism. Becoming active in the Hungarian Jewish Federation at the age of 20, her commitment to good works shows no signs of slowing

Arriving in Ottawa in January of 1970, she was financial secretary of B'nai Brith Women by 1972 and president by 1977, a post she held until 1982.

related work

An active member in the

tee of Ottawa for many years, she took on the chair when Mendel Good stepped down. Records are sketchy, not even Gara remembers exactly, but most agree that she held the chair for eight years, from 1984 to 1992. During her tenure, she presided over a number of extremely successful programs.

For the 50th anniversary of Kristallnacht, she organized a commemoration on Parliament Hill. It drew a crowd of more than 1,800.

When asked about the Anne Frank exhibit she organized at the War Museum in the 80s, Gara reminisces, "We had the highest turn out in Canada; 22,000 came to see it; more than in Toronto."

Gara has also been one of Ottawa's most active witnesses to the Shoah, relating her experiences and teaching its history at many area schools and universities.

Of all her Shoah-related works, however, fighting for

Vera Gara with Swedish Ambassador Lennart Alvin

and teaching the lessons of attain his freedom. Raoul Wallenberg has been her cause célèbre.

Wallenberg, who is now believed to have died in a Soviet prison, is credited with saving 100,000 Jews from the Nazis during the

Second World War. When there was still hope Wallenberg was alive, Gara laboured tirelessly to

Later she dedicated herself to preserving his memory and what he stood for.

Gara worked to have a park in Nepean named for her hero. She was instrumental in having a statue of Wallenberg created and erected at the entrance to the park and was chairman of the

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Historical Society preserves history of Ottawa Jews

The Ottawa Jewish His- Archives. However, more is all the Jewish libraries in torical Society (OJHS) has been actively campaigning to raise \$600, 000 for three very worthwbile projects.

The first is the writing of a book on the history of the Jews of Ottawa. The anticipated date of publication is 2006. Two endowment funds are being created, one for the Ottawa Historical Society and the other for the Ottawa Jewish Archives

We are a people of history and it is imperative that we not lose any more of our history. Many interviews have already been done and the

always needed to preserve the most complete history possible.

If you have stories and (or) pictures please talk to the OJHS writers and to the Archives. The book in particular is an exciting and important project for the Ottawa Jewish community. The book will be presented to Bar and Bat Mitzvah young people so that they will confidently go into the future with a solid understanding of the past.

The book will be given to both public and universirecordings are in the ty libraries across Canada, 4202.)

Ottawa, as well as the main Jewish libraries across Canada. Copies of the book will also be given to federal, provincial, and municipal elected officials and the Presentation judiciary. copies will be made for the Governor General, the Prime Minister, both the Premier and the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. The book will be available for sale in Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto, and other major Canadian cities.

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Gara reaches out to students

(Continued from page 14) Ottawa Raoul Wallenberg Lending Hand Award committee from 1999 to 2002.

She is currently helping to organize an educational exhibit that teaches the lessons of Wallenberg's life, actions and bravery.

The exhibit, Raoul Wallenberg - Symbol of Justice and Humanity was developed by the Raoul Wallenberg International Movement for Humanity (RWIMH), of which Gara is the local representative. It includes 32 panels, 24 of which describe the life and deeds of Raoul Wal-

The final eight describe RWIMH and its educational

This section includes an introduction to "The Raoul Wallenberg Lesson" which teaches what one person can accomplish when fighting

schoolchildren and their educators," said Gara, "It is our duty to the memory of Wallenberg and his sacrifice to teach his humanitarian val-

The exhibit will open to the public 5:00 pm on October 17 at Ben Franklin Place.

It will be open on the 18th. but closed on the 19th and 20th due to scheduling difficulties. It will reopen from the 21st to the 25th in the same location. For more information contact Vera Gara (722-6422).

In her spare time, of "The most important goal which she claims to have vast of this event is to reach amounts, Vera has volunteered at the Ottawa Hospital. Civic Campus since 1977; been a member of the Jewish Christian Dialogue Group since 1983; found occasion to be active in Na'amat since 1983; and is currently chairing Agudath Israel's Adult Education program.

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At 50, Louise Rachlis decided to change her lifestyle.

Woman shows 50 is just the beginning

If ever Broadway's 'Annie' were to mature,

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Lest her quiet, steady demeanor deceive, understand this: she embraces any and every challenge that comes her way, always proves equal to the task and, when there's no challenge in sight, she creates one.

Rachlis is the Ottawa Citizen's advertising features editor, a position she initiated 20 years ago when Citizen brass decided to hire a lone advertising writer. Today, the Carleton University journalism graduate heads up a department of four and oversees dozens of freelance writers

She also dabbles in fiction and writes short stories, (her submission The Orange Peeler won first prize in the City of Ottawa 55+ Short Story Contest last year); edits Challenge Life with Concer. a twice yearly magazine published by the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre Foundation in co-operation with the

authored, A Matter of Dreams, a book about tri-ath-

That she chose to write about tri-athletes is of particular significance because, just seven years ago, Rachlis knew precious little about athletes, tri or otherwise. In fact, back then, her interest in fitness registered well below zero on the Rachlis Scale. But, seven years ago, as her 50th birthday approached, something snapped in the moving and hasn't stopped.

"I get up at 5:30 every morning," she says. "There is not a day of the week that I am not up early either biking. swimming or running. And, for nearly six years I haven't gone on a trip without my running shoes and gear in my suitcase." Those shoes have pounded the pavement in China. England, and the Bahamas, and several less exotic locales.

"I was totally non-athletic as a child or an adult," says Rachlis. "My interest evolved a small step at a time largely through people I work with who are very knowledgeable about the subject. One of them even does the Iron Man competition! 1 think, as I closed in on 50, it became a matter of now or

never, life is passing me by.

At age 50, she joined an exercise class. She enrolled in The Running Room, acquired the rudiments and soon found herself participating in marathons in, around and outside the city. When she wasn't running, she was biking and entering bike-athons. And then, at 54, she finally learned to swim. In summertime, she and a colleague frequently enjoy a pre-work swim in Meech Lake, followed by a breakfast sedentary scribe: she started of homemade muffins consumed on the beach.

> And, as if all this wasn't enough, the writer/editor/ runner/biker/swimmer is also an accomplished water colour artist whose paintings have been exhibited in local

"Louise looks and is absolutely fantastic," says her husband Lorne Rachlis, who is the director of education of the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board "It's a new her, an independent person with persoverance who sets high goals for herself and, in doing so, has set a fine example for many others."

Rachlis is the daughter of Lillian and the late Jack Vinokur. She and Lorne are the parents of three grown children, Josh, Diana and

Ottawa bids farewell to the Divon family

By Francine Greenspoon

It was a fitting moment that during a farewell reception for Israeli Ambassador Haim Divon and his family. a large screen projected the image of Gal Friedman, standing on the podium receiving his Olympic gold medal with Hatikvah resounding throughout the Olympic stadium and Israeli flags waving in tandem.

A shared sense of pride was felt among the crowd assembled in the Social Hall of the Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building to bid farewell to the Divons, a family known for generating a tremendous local sense of pride in Israel during their sojourn in Ottawa.

Rabbi Reuven Bulka, Rabbi Menachem M.Blum, the Right Honourable Herb Gray and members of the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa and community at

large were among the many well-wishers saying goodbye to the Divons. The Divons return to Israel this month.

Arnie Vered, president of the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa spoke on behalf of the Vaad Ha'lr:

"We, the Jewish community of Ottawa have and will continue to reap the benefits of your successful bridge building that you have accomplished during your four years in Ottawa - be it the Canadian government, the media, the diplomatic community, the National Arts Center. Opera Lyra, Ashbury College and many others. You have sensitized so many to Israel's needs and its ability to contribute to the global community.

Ambassador Divon spoke about how special his time in Ottawa has been despite the difficult times globally. He commended Ottawa's Jewish

community for its commitment and involvement, citing in particular, the large delegations sent to Israel on highly successful missions. and the triumphant April 2002 rally in support of Israel that was held on Parliament Hill.

Event chair, Dr. Norman Barwin, recounted to the crowd his musing about an appropriate gift for the Divons that would be representative of their time in Canada. Dr. Barwin presented the Divons with a beautiful Inuit carving called an Inukshuk reflecting the aboriginal message of 'finding your way back.'

Undoubtedly, everyone present shared these heartfelt sentiments, and wished the Divons continued success in their diplomatic journeys. Hopefully one day they will find their way 'back' to Ottawa



Linda, Michelle and Ambassador Haim Divon at farewell reception.



Rabbi Reuven Bulka and the Right Honourable Herb Gray extend best wishes to (Photo: Peter Waiser Photography)

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One People Many Paths Inspiring Jewish Journeys

SJCC Chair

The Soloway JCC strives to facilitate the growth and development of Jews and their families in their personal journeys to enrich their lives as Jews and as Canadians. The new SJCC Fall/Winter Program Guide for 2004-2005 is dedicated to this endeavour.

As individuals, more and more we are embarking on personal journeys in order to grow with each new experience. Spiritually we are subject to many differing approaches to understanding life. community and the ultimate meaning of existence.

We are increasingly more comfortable with establishing our identities as Jews through embarking on personal journeys where we develop new and richer ways to experience being Jewish. Jewish communities today are defined more as welcoming and pluralistic with ideologies that unite Jews of different persuasions.

Central to the mission of the SJCC are the twin objectives of strengthening the Jewish identity of individuals and their families



doors to everyone in the community

and enhancing the Ottawa Jewish setting, while also finding opportucommunity as a whole. For the individual Jew seeking to find personal meaning in being Jewish, the SJCC can and does facilitate journeys of Jewish growth. We are a Jewish gateway: Jews can enter Jewish life, dwell among Jews, and enhance their appreciation of Jewishness. In essence, we are a destination where Jews can find a home away from home.

Here at the SJCC Jews and Jewish families enjoy the company of others in an intimate Jewish nities for connection and growth in a the larger and more diverse Jewish environment that we provide.

In short, the SJCC helps build Jewish identities by providing a forum for a multiplicity of smaller .lewish communities - a forum in which Jews as individuals, families and communities can flourish as they follow their chosen path on their inspired Jewish journey.

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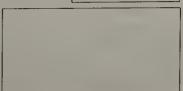
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Message from the SJCC Board

By Lynda Taller-Wakter Chair, Communications Committee



Next time you enter the SJCC, don't just grab a towel and shoot down to the Fitness Centre or rush up to your meeting. Take a moment to pause and look around, even though you have a toddler in hand and an infant in a stroller on

the way to the Ganon Preschool. Put your heavy library books down on the counter and take a good look at the day schedule posted near the front desk. You might be surprised at all that is happening at the Centre that day activities unrelated to your needs as an individual, but essential to the aspirations of our community.

It is easy to see the programs of the SJCC as a collection of courses and services to satisfy various interests, as described in our program guide, but that is not how we think about what we do. We see our offerings as a means of creating community and providing outreach to diverse and growing segments of the Jewish Ottawa. Some of the groups we serve are substantial: the children in our summer camps and the Ganon Preschool, the adults and teens using our Fitness Centre, and the AJA 50+ members who benefit from our facility. Other groups are limited in numbers, but essential to the mission of the SJCC: such as the frail elderly and the clients of Tamir. What we seek to create is a seamless and encompassing platform for Jewish community; a place for Jews to gather for lectures, concerts, exercise, a place to bring their children and their parents and grandparents. We are always looking for ways to be a threshold into Jewish life. We have a staff member to welcome newcomers and answer their guestions about schooling, housing, synagogues and other issues. Our Fitness and Aquatics departments have classes tailored to the needs of breast cancer and stroke survivors and people who are seeking to maintain mobility and muscle strength into their 90's.

The daily room schedule posted at the entrance to the SJCC provides a snapshot of the diversity of programming. Let's look at a typical day in the gymnasium. In the morning, the Ganon Preschoolers follow the coloured tiles from their classrooms to the gym and spend an hour engaged in large motor activity. At lunch time the regulars squeeze in some pick up basketball, followed by Tamir in

the afternoon. After school the elementary age kids play team sports-floor hockey, basketball, soccer, depending on the season. Once a week the Maccabi Club practices their skills for trips to the Maccabi Games (they've just returned from a successful stint at the games in Boston), and in the evening various adult and teen leagues play-some teams have been playing together for years, with fathers and sons on the same team.

In one of our upstairs rooms, as a morning Talmud class concludes, members of an AJA 50+ Jews in Music class crowds into the Boardroom. On Wednesday afternoons the Mitzvah Knitters convene over coffee and story-swaps to create hand-made goods for Hillel Lodge, the Children's Aid Society, and the Ottawa Hospital. This passion for learning and culture does not abate in the evening. Adults come to study Hebrew and Yiddish, and the Shira Ottawa Choir rehearses for community performances. The Florence Melton Adult Mini-School, with its sophisticated curriculum developed by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, keeps our students and their teachers exploring Jewish tradition and debating until we kick them out at 10:00pm when the building closes.

The Greenberg Families Library reveals the same trajectory of service. When it opens at 10:00am, retired people make use of its books and computer classes, and university students and rabbis use its reference books. After school, Hillel Academy students do their homework at the tables and internet research on the computers. In the evening people often use the computers to find Jewish videos for the weekend and they pick up their reserved books for the Jewish book clubs.

The schedule of the SJCC is a calendar of important Jewish events throughout the year. The Vered Israel Cultural and Educational Centre sponsors the community Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration, which draws over 800 people, as well as the Israeli House-monthly gatherings for local Israelis including speakers, movies, and parties- and is the major social centre for the growing community of Israelis in Ottawa. At most Jewish holidays the Centre is filled with young families (and often the grandparents)-a wonderful mixture of our preschool community and new immigrants to Ottawa-exploring the richness of Jewish festivals with singing, crafts, and games.

What emerges from this description of rooms and their use is more than a panorama of activities. It's a portrait in time of cur ideals-in-action: community solidarity, Jewish continuity, aid to the vulnerable, and the promotion of ties to Israel.

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Wednesday September 8, 7:30pm

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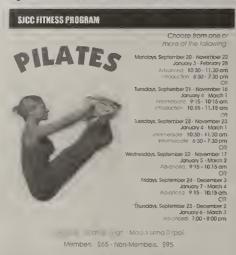
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(Above) Chris Lindsay and Staci Forsen show off their medals; (right) Chris Lindsay and Jon Avery demonstrate their medal-winning line-throw skills.

SJCC dominates Regional Pool Lifeguard Championships

By Chris Lindsay, Aquatics Manager

*Aguatics staff members Chris Lindsay and Staci Forsen continued the SJCC's tradition of winning the Regional 2-person lifeguard championships with a spectacular performance on the weekend of July 24 & 25th. With 5 team and 5 individual events the pair never finished out of the medals and won a commanding 5 gold medals.

Three other SJCC teams took part: Brad Buschlen and Dave Adleberg; Jon Avery and Kirk Bennett; and Robin Visser and Breelyn Lancaster. Together, these teams won two bronze medals for Line Throw and Medley Relay. The Visser/Lancaster team finished the weekend in fourth overall, after finishing just out of the medals in most of their events.

Team Lindsay/Forsen will be traveling to the Provincial Championships in London July 30-Aug 1, Provincial Waterfront Championships in Barrie Aug 14-16, and the National Surf Championships in Nova Scotia Aug 29-31. Chris has been selected to represent Canada at the World Championships in Italy Sept 20-26th.

Lifeguard competitions are an excellent way to showcase the talent of our aguatic staff, and an opportunity for them to learn from other competitors devoted to life saving skills and practice.

The end result is a dedicated and motivated swim staff, improved swim instruction for our members, and novel programming ideas for the future. The SJCC is the only Jewish Community Centre in Canada that competed at last year's National Championships!

The World Championships in Italy is only partially funded and Chris needs your support to offset travel and competition expenses. To find out how you can contribute please contact the pool office at 798-9818 x377, or email clindsay@jccottawa.com.



JCC Summer Camps 2004

For The Summer Of Your Life 2004

By Brenda Schafer and Gail Lleff

It is unbelievable the summer is just about over and we are very sad camp has come to an end so quickly. Over the past 8 weeks, we experienced so much fun, learned many new skills and have had made friendships that will last a lifetime.

This summer's four sessions of camp kept our campers very busy with our jammed packed schedule of activities such as AquaOuest Swim Instruction, sports with Joelle, arts and crafts with Liz, drama with Aviva, and Israeli culture with Penni. Special visits from Tae Kwon Do instructor Chris Reid, music with Shannon Edi Smith, and storytelling with Mora Margaret all helped to make this summer really exciting.

its will see all to

Campers looked forward to visits from Little Ray's Reptile Zoo, with one show on reptiles and the second on insects. Some children and staff overcame their fear of bugs, spiders, snakes and even alligators. The zoo has asked us to be on the lookout for Tiny their missing tarantula and they have even offered a small reward.

Our visit from "The Mad Sclentist" was a huge success with their first visit engaging our Kaytana and K'ton ton Groups making slime, which they took home. The Giborim and Chalutzim campers participated in a forensic science workshop. The demonstration on lighting and electricity was fantastic, fun and electrifying! Sorry Ottawa for the power outage that day, we simply tried a small experiment and we didn't know it would really work.

During the summer we visited the Canadlan Agricultural Museum where some children helped water a cow suffering from heat stroke - see what happens If you don't wear plenty of sunscreen, a sun hat, and of course drink plenty of water!

Our older groups were fortunate to be invited back again to the OPP station in Kanata in honour of Safety Person Day. Constable Booth was kind enough to give a very informative talk about safety in Ottawa. He also allowed the children to walk though the station and of course little did they know they were going to be booked, fingerprinted and locked in Jail. Bail was set at one freezie per person. Speaking

about safety, we were also visited by the Fire Safety Prevention Officer who spoke about fire safety and brought in an amazing demonstration fully



eguipped with sounds and smoke. The children really learned from this experience.

Upside Down Backwards Day was a huge success with our afternoon spent at the Gymnastics Facility. Our staff were really envious of the children because this year they were not allowed to participate in the program.

Groups Vav, Zayin, Chet , Tet and the Chalutzim campers hopped on a school bus bound for Saunders Farm. All the campers were on a quest to fill their passports by exploring many mind-boggling mazes. It was unanimously decided that the most popular maze was "The Mile Maze" which took almost 40 minutes to find the hidden treasures located in the middle. After lunch campers went on a tractor-pulled hay ride traveling through the woods, and then we all had a chance to jump in the piles of hay, coming out with

hay in our hair. After a long day of searching, crawling and climbing at the farm, we returned to the SJCC to cool down for free swim.

There were many special theme days taking place throughout the entire summer. Two special days that were totally awesome were our Olympic Day with Team Canada vs. Team Israel. Congratulations to Team Canada on winning the gold medal.

Of course, we could not forget our fantastic Carnlval Day, with many booths such as a Marriage Booth, Fortune Telling, Shrek Tattoo Parlour, Face Painting, Sponge Toss at your counsellor, Prize Booth and of course our giant blow up slide and moon bounce. It was a fantastic day

for everyone.

Our three oldest groups of campers prepared skits, songs and poems for the residents of Hillel Lodge. Afterwards they schmoozed and helped serving tea.



Thanks to all the parents, campers and staff that were kind enough to bring food, toys and articles of clothing for our various **Days** of Mitzvot. All of the items have been distributed to several charities around the city.

Did we mention everything? We could go on and on, but it would take us forever to talk about all the great times that took place this summer. Thanks to The Early Beginnings Day Care for participating with Group Hey. Thanks to Tamir's Keshet program and staff for helping to make our summer complete.

Thanks to all of our parents, campers and staff who helped make this summer our best summer yet! We wish everyone a wonderful year and Shana Tova.



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Celebrate with "Bracha Bear" as we welcome in the Shabbat Queen each and every Friday morning. Join us for crafts, stories, songs, free play and a fun-filled Shabbat party.

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Visit the SJCC during Celebrate & Save Week, on Sunday, September 12, to learn more about our parented programs, and to meet the ECE Parent Program Coordinator.





ECE Birthday Parties

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Day & Time* Sunday

e 1-5

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Happy New Year!

Community member accepts **UN Public Service Award**

By Katy Peplinskie

The United Nations (UN) recently presented its annual Public Service Awards (PSA) to 10 countries in recognition of their committion and responsiveness to other countries." the public.

Robert Smith, executive director and national secretariat of Industry Canada, attended this New York ceremony, and received a PSA on behalf of the Network of Canada Business Service

Centres (CBSC).

"We were delighted to win this prestigious award," says Smith. "It's exceptional to be recognized internationally, especially when ment to teamwork, innova- competing with so many

The main achievement of the CBSC is its simplification of access to government programs, services and compliance requirements for the business community.

In Canada, the constitution assigns jurisdiction to

both federal and provincial levels of government, and the result can be a jumble of mandates that cause frustration and run-around. The CBSC addresses the needs of entrepreneurs who want straight answers from a single source.

The CBSC won an award in the category of "improvement of public service results." Other categories were: improvement of the quality of the public service process; innovations in the public service; and application of information and communication technology in local government.

All winners were first nominated, and the Economic and Social Council of the UN decided the win-

"When government programs don't work, they make front page headlines, says Smith. "It's nice for the government to be recognized for the good things it's doing for a change.



Robert Smith with Allan Rock, Canadian ambassador to the UN

earn the history of the Appotive family at OJHS meeting.



Stephen Appotive

Stephen Appotive will be hosting a lecture on the history of the Appotive family at the next Ottawa Jewish Historical Society Meeting.

The oldest child of Rudy and Fruma, Stephen was born and raised in Ottawa.

He has served as a director of a number of local charitable and volunteer organizations and assuming the presidency of three of them.

He is a civil litigator and has been practising law in Ottawa for over 29 years.

His family traces its located there. roots back to the Zhitomir shtetl in Russia. It was there that Abraham Apatova and Sarah Viner were born and married in 1910.

OR

By 1925, they had four sons, but life in Russia was hard. Abraham and Sarah decided to immigrate to Ottawa, since some of Sarah's family had already

Passing through immigration, the Apatova name was lost and the name Appotive was born.

Stephen invites every-

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one to come find out about the 79 year history of the Appotive family in Ottawa, including the depression, the Second World War, settling in Lowertown, peddling fruit, and leadership roles with Machzikei Hadas Synagogue and the Ottawa Free Loan Society.

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Searching for meaning on UJA mission to Israel

By Danny Strong

"Why are you going with this group? Don't you think these older people will be boring?"

These were some of the questions directed at me shortly before committing to the UJA Mission to Israel.

True, my passport said that, at 25, I was one of the younger participants on the mission, and naturally I spent a considerable amount of time with the handful of other young adults. However, l also spent a lot of time with those much older. We laughed, cried, danced, ate and even drank together. Late into the evening, we would reminisce about the day's

My first trip to Israel was a Birthright trip three years ago. It was an amazing experience, yet it left me with some emptiness - a hunger to see more

Compared with Birthright, the mission took a much more hands-on approach, and I found it more intellectually stimulating. Our visits included hospitals, ZAKA volunteer rescue and recovery headquarters, youth centres, immigration centres, schools, and national land-

When the sun set and the siren sounded on Yorn Hazikaron, the streets came to a standstill, and I saw how

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seriously the day is taken, compared to Remembrance Day in Ottawa. That night, following a service at the hotel, I went for a walk with some of the other men. After walking about 10 minutes, we ended up in front of Sbarro Pizza where 15 people lost their lives and over 100 people were injured during a terrorist bombing in Aug. 2001. We stood there for a couple of minutes to absorb the scene, and then it was time to do what Israelis do so well --move on and keep on going.

The next morning my roommate organized a sunrise minyan at the kotel.

Later that day, we attended a ceremony being held for some young men who would soon be in uniform defending the state of Israel. Afterwards, we spoke with a father whose son had recently died while on patrol. At that moment, the realities and personal sacrifices faced by the Isracli people became

At Mount Herzl cemetery, we were each given a rose to



Rabbi Zischa Shaps, Danny Strong, Rabbi Micah Shotkin and Sid Goldstein.

place on a grave. There were tionally hungry after this trip. mission to Israel will take so many graves, and after minutes of walking around I decided to place it on a grave where the soldier was the same age as I am. It took me a few minutes to find someone who was 25, because most were younger. While walking through the cemetery, I received a couple of thank yous from Israelis for coming to visit on that day. Later that night, as the mood changed from Hazikaron to Yom Ha'Atzmaut, a group of us went to

the party. Before I left Canada for Israel, I told my parents not to worry because everything would be fine; after all, my roommate was Torah Academy and JET's very own Rabbi Shaps. Being able to tour Israel and have rabbinical insight into it all put this experience into the 'priceless' category.

BenYehuda Street and joined

And yet, I still feel emo-

still just can't get enough. I'm already thinking about my next trip.

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Move to Toronto difficult for Maymans

By Laurence Wall

Marion and Shlomo Mayman are experts at moving. After all, they've done it eight times during their 48 years of marriage.

So their latest move to Toronto should be easy, right?

Wrong

"This is the hardest move for me [since] I feel very close to the Ottawa community," says Marion. "I gave a lot but got a lot back."

The Maymans moved to Toronto on August 5 to be closer to their son Gadi and his family, but they have left behind a stellar record of nartial list of their work takes up a fair bit of space.

Marion recently wrapped up her duties as co-chair of Agudath Israel's rabbi search give back to their community. committee. She's also pastpresident of Agudath, past president of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO and past president of the Jewish National Fund in Ottawa. She also served on the national board of the Canada-Israel Jewish Congress.

Marion also worked for the Liberal Party for many years, having served as president of the Nepean Liberal

Federal Riding Association, campaigned for MPP Hans Daigler and worked as campaign manager for MP Beryl Gaffney.

"Marion dives in," says Shlomo, grinning. "She loves dealing with people she has a telephone growing out of her ear."

But Sblomo hasn't exactly been sitting idly by. He's been a member of the Chevra Kadisha (the burial society), treasurer of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society (JIAS Canada), past president of Hillel Lodge and a past officer of the Vaad. He's also been the head usher at Agucommunity service. Even a dath and worked with Sam Ages to distribute the aliyot during the High Holidays.

The Maymans learned early on that people should

Marion grew up in Sydney. Nova Scotia, where her mother was active in Hadassah-WIZO and the YMHA.

"I was always encouraged to try new things," she recalls.

At 17, she studied in Committee and Canadian Israel for a year with the Jewish Agency.

Shlomo was born and raised in Winnipeg. His mother died when he was 13, but his father made his own nity, helping to found the eity's renowned Peretz School and the Folk School.

An electrical engineer by training, Shlomo received his Masters at MIT in nuclear engineering.

The two met in Montreal in late 1954 at a Young Judea conference.

Was it love at first sight? "Pretty nearly," Shlomo says with a smile. "We clicked"

They became engaged at life. Camp Kadimah in Nova Scotia and got married a year later in 1956.

They lived in Montreal, Winnipeg, Israel, Boston and Pinawa, Manitoba before moving to Ottawa in August 1986 where Shlomo directed the division of electrical engineering at the National Research Council

When they arrived in Ottawa, Marion knew exactly what she had to do, despite the city's reputation.

People told me that Ottawa was a cold community [and] that the Jewish community was tough to get involved with," she said. "I didn't believe that."

As proof, she was soon named to the board of Jewish Family Services and did

Catholic school board and the City of Nepean. From that point, there's hardly been a time when Marion wasn't busy with boards, committees, agencies and community groups.

The Maymans joined Agudath soon after they arrived in Ottawa.

Marion says the synagogue came through for her during 1988-89, one of the most difficult times in her

In that brief period, both of Marion's parents died. As well, their 25-year-old son, Gershy, died of muscular dystrophy

"Rabbi Fine was outstanding," she says, "and so were The Minyanaires" (the men who make up the morning and evening minyans).

"They were so good to my son, David, who was 16 at the time."

"They would give him honours at the service; they would ask him about gymnastics; they made him feel comforted.



Marion and Shlomo Mayman

Marion has more than mans are getting settled in given back to the synagogue, Toronto, will they finally first serving on the board. slow down? then as president from 1995

Unlikely, since Marion is already the national secretary chair (with Donna Dolansky) of the Canadian Jewish Congress. Several other com-In July, the committee munity groups there are seeking someone with Marion's experience.

But they have a lot of friends in Toronto and hope to travel to Florida, Boston

"I'd like to retire a little," And now that the May- says Marion.



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UNESCO seeks to save Tajik synagogue

By Hilary Leila Krieger

UNESCO is taking steps to prevent the destruction of Tajikistan's only synagogue, declaring that "such an act would be in contradiction with existing international standards for the protection of cultural heritage" in a letter it sent to the World Jewish

The WJC had asked the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to intervene, since the Dushanbe synagogue is over 100 years old and serves as the focal point for the city's 280 Jews, providing daily kosher meals to a largely poor, elderly population Some 200 additional Jews remain in the country where 12,000 lived before the Soviet Union allowed Jews to immigrate to Israel.

The WJC welcomed the UNESCO announcement not only as a victory in the battle to preserve the synagogue, but also as an indication of a change in the agency's attitude toward Jewish sites.

"UNESCO was often hos

tile to Jewish interests," said WJC Director of International Relations Bobby Brown. "This is the first time I know of where UNESCO has forthrightly called for the preservation of a synagogue."

He said the UNESCO appeal is part of a WJC campaign to increase the United Nations' "sensitivity to Jewish issues."

UNESCO rejected the charge that it had been remiss in its attention to Jewish con-

"UNESCO has not neglected Jewish heritage and that can be shown by the fact that we have places very important to Jewish interests on our World Heritage List,"

said the head of the UNESCO press relations service, Sue Williams, pointing to Auschwitz in Poland and Masada and Tel Aviv's 'White City" in Israel.

Jan Hladk, program specialist for the International Standards Section UNESCO's Division of Cultural Heritage, said his office had received no reply from Tajik authorities approached by UNESCO, but added that "UNESCO officials are continuing to follow up on this matter."

The WJC contacted UNESCO after learning that the Tajik government plans to destroy the synagogue to make room for a "Palace of Nations" complex which will

serve as President Emomali Rakhmonov's office.

The city has reportedly offered several plots on the outskirts of the city as the site of a new synagogue but has refused to compensate the Jewish community for the costs of the building, insisting that state funds can't be used for religious institutions. The community has said it can't afford to build a new structure.

The Central Asian nation is predominantly Muslim, and the Jewish community has expressed concerns that razing the country's only synagogue would encourage anti-Semitism.

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Treblinka to get museum

By Etgar Lefkovits

The government of Poland is planning to establish a museum at the Treblinka death camp, a senior Polish government official said

The museum, which will be set up in coordination with Yad Vashem, is slated to open in about two years, said the chairman of the Polish Council for the Remembrance of Struggle and Martyrdom, Andrzej Przewoznik, in an interview with The Jerusalem Post during a state visit to

About 870,000 people

were murdered at Treblinka, which was established by the Nazis in the summer of

A three-decade-old monument is the site's only memorial, offering visitors little information about the atrocities carried out there.

"If you don't know what happened there before you get there, you wouldn't know from visiting the site at present," said the chairman of Yad Vashem's Directorate, Avner Shaley, who hosted Przewoznik during his first visit to Israel.

In the future, similar museums will be opened at the now-destroyed Nazi death camps at Chelmno and Sobibor, Przewoznik added.

Some three million Polish Jews perished in the Holocaust.

At the same time, the final wording of a memorial plaque in memory of the Jews murdered by fellow Poles in the northeastern Polish village of Jedwabne is still the subject of controversy, and the final text of the memorial plaque may not be ready for years, Przcwoznik said.

A recent book documenting the killing of thousands of Jews in Jedwabne by their Polish neighbors and not, as previously thought by the Nazi occupiers - caused a major stir in Poland, after decades in which Poles often portrayed themselves as equal victims to the Jews during the Second World War

The Polish official said the final text of the plaque specifying who the murderers were - will be finalized only after a completion of a listing of the names of all the people killed in the attack is ready.

"The important thing here is not merely the exact number of victims, but that the truth gets out," Shalev

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During the six lectures, attendees will travel to St. Petersburg, Helsinki, London, Paris, Prague, Budapest and Vienna. The lives of major composers will be contextualized, and their works set in time and space.

Most presented works are part of the 2004-2005 programs of the National Arts Centre Orchestra, the Ottawa Symphony Orchestra and Opera Lyra.

Van Vlasselaer lectures annually in Canada and abroad, and has received numerous awards for his accomplishments. He is also recognized for his work on Holocaust-related mat-

The lectures with musical excerpts will be held in Social Hall A at the Soloway Jewish Communi-



Jean-Jacques Van Vlasselaer

ty Centre, on Wednesday afternoons beginning at 1.30 pm. Dates and topics are as follows: Sept. 29 - St. Petersburg: the music of Prokofiev, Shostakovich and Tchaikovsky; Oct. 13 -Helsinki: the music of Sibelius, Rautavaara and Saariamo; Oct. 20 - London: the music of Elgar, Britten and Vaughn-Williams; Oct. 27 - Paris: the music of Berlioz Offenbach and Ravel: Nov. 3 -Vienna: the music of Weber, Mahler and Schubert; and Nov. 10 - Prague/Budapest: the music of Dvorak and

Tickets are \$45 for the series or \$12 per lecture for SJCC and Greenberg Families Library members, and \$65 for the series or \$15 per lecture for non-members. Tickets are available from the SJCC (798-9818, ext. 300). For further information, please call Estelle Gunner (829-2455).

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Preserved eulogies provide link to the past

By Roslyn Wollock

A free recording of the eulogies of members of Ottawa's Jewish community is now available, thanks to the sponsorship of the Ottawa Jewish Historical Society (OJHS).

At the time of arranging a funeral, homes will ask Jewish families if they want to sign a release form, drafted by the OJHS.

This release will grant permission for a recording of the eulogy to be made and a copy to be deposited with the Ottawa Jewish Archives (OJA), located in the Soloway Jewish Community Centre. Families are under no obligation to sign the release.

The Ottawa Chevra Kadisha will ensure the recording takes place and that a duplicate is made. Following the funeral, each will be placed in a jewel case and sent to the OJHS

office

The historical society will be in possession of the family release form by the time the CDs arrive at their office.

Upon receipt by the historical society, one copy will be sent to the OJA and a second will be sent to the family, accompanied by a brochure from the Archives and a letter of instruction on how to properly preserve their CD.

As it is not possible to bave recording equipment present at the Jewish Community Cemetery on Bank Street and the Jewish Memorial Gardens in Osgoode, only those services taking place as the Jewish Community Memorial Chapel on Cuba Avenue will be recorded.

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Croatia removes memorials to 1941-45 Nazi collaborators

By Etgar Lefkovits

The Croatian police recently demolished two monuments honouring two senior members of Croatia's Second World War Nazi quisling state.

A plaque commemorating Mile Budak, who served as education minister in the German-backed 1941-1945 fascist Ustasha government, and a statue dedicated to a senior military officer, Jure Francetic, were ordered removed. Both high ranking Croatian officials were active supporters of the genocidal Ustasha regime which ruled the country from 1941 until 1945.

"This government will not allow Croatia to be imprisoned by the past particularly by negative notions - but will direct all its capacities toward the future," Croatian Prime Minister Ivo Sanader said. "The monuments are contrary to fundamental elements of the Croatian constitution and damage the reputation and interests of Croatia," he added.

During the Second World War, Croats were divided between anti-Fascists who fought against the Nazis, and those loyal to dictator Ante Pavelic's Nazi-quisling state.

About 30,000 Croatian Jews - 80 per cent of the country's pre-war Jewish population - perished during the Holocaust.

The monument honouring the Nazi collaborator had been erected last weekend by a group of right-wing Croatian emigrants, still sympathetic to the ultranationalist Ustasha regime.

The Los Angeles based Simon Wiesenthal Center, which had issued a public protest against the monuments, welcomed their removal as an "important and necessary step," and urged the government to proceed with its plan to legislate a prohibition on the use of Ustasha symbols as well as to increase Holocaust education.

The centre's Jerusalem office had issued two protests against the recent erection of separate monuments in both Estonia and Croatia which commemorate Nazi collaborators during the Second World War.

The Estonian monument, which is still up, commemorates an Estonian SS Division which fought with Nazi Germany during the Second World War.

In a statement, the director of the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Jerusalem officer, Dr. Efraim Zuroff, condemned the erection of the Estonian monument which glorifies those who were willing to sacrifice their lives to help achieve the victory of Nazi Germany and the Third Reich in World War Two,"

He added that the monument's inscription, which defines the members of the units as "fighters for Estonian Independence" was a misguided attempt to rewrite history and to turn Nazi collaborators into Estonian heroes.

More than 1,000 Estonian Jews perished during the Holocaust, while thousands of Jews sent from other countries were killed in Estonia most at four main camps set up by the Nazis, who occupied the country between 1941 and 1944.

The Estonian Consulate in Tel Aviv had no immediate comment.

Zuroff noted that the establishment of such a monument in Estonia was hardly surprising in a country which has failed to prosecuted a single Estonian Nazi war criminal to date, and in which a public opinion poll revealed that 93 per cent of the Estonian public oppose the establishment of a memorial day for the victims of the Holocaust

The Wiesenthal Center's Jerusalem director said that the contentious monuments in both Estonia and Croatia were symptomatic of a general post-Communist post-Soviet eastern European problem, whereby the evils of communism are highlighted at the expense of their complicity with the crimes of the Holo-(©) The Jerusalem Post

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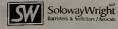
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What next for Bibi-nomics?

By Amotz Asa-El

In its first year, Netanyahu's coonomic leadership was universally seen – by both admirers and crities – as heralding a new era, one at least as revolutionary as the watershed stabilization plan of 1985.

Having slashed social spending, ratsed the retirement age, shrunk the public sector and unshackled the pension funds from the Histadrut's management, Netanyahu did things no Israeli before him had done, and he did so while facing harsh opposition.

The downsizing of monthly wages for single mothers, large families, the handicapped and the elderly amounted to the undoing of the social safety net that had been painstakingly knitted by a succession of governments since the 1960s. Netanyahu also did what the 1985-plan's masterminds initially contemplated, but then lacked the guts to do, when he fired some public-sector employees and cut others' wages.

On the privatization front, he sold El Al and will soon complete the sell-offs of Bank Leumi and Bank Discount. The state's controlling share in the Zim shipping company has been sold, and Bezeq's controlling share is also about to be sold. Meanwhile, the banking sector long notorious for its lack of competition and surplus of power - is slated to lose its control of the mutual and provident funds where most Israelis keep much of their long-term savings.

Clearly, all this adds up to the kind of preparedness and resolve Netanyahu's opponents said he lacked as prime minister. Add to that his stinginess in granting interviews – and you get a profoundly transformed Netanyahu.

However, with all due respect to his personal metamorphosis and the shock therapy that he has applied to the Israeli welfare state, Netanyahu's reforms have yet to add up to the kind of Thatcherist measures that have been his original inspiration and ultimate destination. Moreover, he might have already missed the train that would have led there.

The economic restoration heralded by the Conservatives in Britain during the
1980s was founded on two
pillars: resisting the unions
and empowering the private
sector. The former was delivered by facing up to a yearlong coal miners' strike until
its decisive defeat, and the
latter by the introduction of
tax cuts.

Thatcher's tax cuts may have been much more drastic for the rich – whose top bracket's burden was ultimately more than halved, to 40 per cent – but it left the middle classes with a very moderate 30-per cent rate. Most importantly, Tbatcher's taxation revolution, besides being sweeping, was introduced within days of her entering office.

Netanyahu also made some progress on the taxation front: He has reduced value added tax from 18 per cent to 17 per cent, has cut several sales taxes, and has moderately reduced the wage-earning public's income-tax rate, particularly for the lower middle class. Corporate taxes, which to begin with were similar to America's, have also been further trimmed.

Still, the Israeli middle class remains the developed world's most heavily taxed, and Israel's public spending, which is roughly half of gross domestic product, remains among the world's highest. Britain, by contrast, saw its public spending sink during Thatcher's era from 48 per cent to 39 per cent of GDP.

The Netanyahu reforms may have enjoyed greater public backing had they too been preceded by more comprehensive and ambitious tax cuts, for instance ones that would slash Israel's new car prices, currently nearly twice their levels elsewhere in the world.

Netanyahu's record on fighting the unions was also far from Thatcher-like.

Apparently, the finance minister chose knowingly, and wisely, the sea ports as his equivalent of the British coal miners. However, while he has managed to get the Knesset's preliminary approval for a bill that would make the ports compete with each other, he agreed last week to delay its execution by seven months.

The Treasury rushed to celebrate this as a victory, but the fact is that Netanyahu might soon learn that the political time to introduce all his reform has expired.

All of Nctanyahu's economic accomplishments were made possible by the

Benjamin Netanyahu

(Photo: Ariel Jerozolimski)

backing he enjoyed from Ariel Sharon and Shinui, and by the Labor Party's lack of clout while in opposition.

Now all this is changing. Labor is on its way into the government, and Sharon

the government, and Sharon is publicly cooling to Netanyahu's economic drive, as has been made evident by Vice Premier Ehud Olmert's loudly voiced criticism of Netanyahu's fiscal priorities. Meanwhile, Peres has scoffed, in an interview with the Post, at the very idea of breaking up Israel's monopolies. All three men avoid even discussion of further tax cuts. If it is up to them - not to mention the other prospective coalition partner, United Torah Judaism - public spending will from here on grow and the Netanyahu reforms will be halted.

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vage Netanyahu's reforms is the leverage he has on the prime minister's main noneconomic issue: disengagement

The finance minister may soon lose the backing his policies currently enjoy within the cabinet, but he will retain the option of torpedoing the separation plan by leading a critical mass of Likud's lawmakers to oppose it. In other words, the fate of the Netanyahu reforms now hinges on his swallowing of the Disengagement Plan and Labor's digesting his Biblinomics.

Yet even if they do end up sharing political space, the prospective marriage between a budget-hungry Labor and a budget-cutting Netanyahu doesn't promise to be a happy one.

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Behind every rocket is a story

By Michael Freund

Glancing at the headlines, it is easy to think that all is quiet in Israel these days. With an occasional exception, there are hardly anymore terrorist attacks grabbing the headlines, and daily life seems to be returning to

Sure, every once in a while we hear something about a few mortar rounds being fired at Jews in Gaza or about an attempted stabbing or two in Jerusalem. But for the most part, life in the Holy Land appears to be back on track.

Nothing, however, could be further from the truth.

Appearances notwithstanding, the Palestinian war against Israel continues, and it would be foolish to think otherwise

Take, for example, the

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events of August 18, when Palestinian terrorists in Gaza launched a couple of Kassam rockets at the Jewish community of Neveh Dekalim. The incident was duly reported, and then quickly forgotten, just another passing item on the media's radar screen.

But behind every rocket. there is a story. And in this case, it proved to be a painful and tragic one.

August 18 was a quiet Wednesday afternoon, and Donel Benjamin was sitting at home working on his computer when the rocket struck.

Benjamin, a 25-year-old who made aliya from India in 1997, is a member of Bnei Menashe, a group claiming descent from a lost tribe of Israel. He works in Neveh Dekalim's supermarket and decided to go home for a quick afternoon break before

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But the Palestinian projectile changed all that, when it blasted its way through the first floor of Benjamin's house, nearly destroying the structure and wiping out the family's belongings.

Miraculously, Benjamin's mother and brother were unharmed, but he was not so lucky. Shrapnel from the rocket tore its way through his flesh, causing grave damage to his legs and head. He was rushed to a hospital in Beersheba and underwent emergency surgery, which may very well have saved his

Benjamin is now recovering from his wounds, his head wrapped in bandages. Thankfully, he remembers nothing of the attack but complains of the pain that he still feels throughout his

His four siblings and his mother, a widow, are by his side, praying for his speedy recovery

The local municipal council has already begun work to repair Benjamin's home, but the family faces enormous obstacles, both financial and psychological.

Of course, none of this was reported in the media. which incorrectly asserted that Benjamin was a foreign worker and had received "only" moderate wounds. And that is truly unfortunate because, while his current situation might be heartrending, Benjamin's story is in fact an inspiration.

As a member of Bnei Menashe, he grew up in the far reaches of northeastern

India, in the lush green hills of the state of Mizoram. There, he was raised to believe that he and the members of his tribe were descendants of Israel, the offspring of Jews who had been forced into exile many centuries ago, where they lost contact with mainstream Judaism.

Nonetheless, they continued to preserve the memory of their Jewish ancestry and to live according to the laws of Moses as best they could, from circumcision and the Sabbath to the laws of family purity. From generation to generation, they passed down the tradition, clinging to it as closely as possible

Benjamin, and others like him, dreamed of one day making aliya, thereby closing a historical circle and returning to the land of their ances-

Over the past decade. Benjamin and his family, along with some 800 other members of Bnei Menashe. have made aliva under the auspices of Amishav. All the immigrants undergo formal conversion and build new fives as Israelis and Jews in every respect. They are productive members of society, they serve in the army, support themselves, and live observant Jewish lifestyles.

But another 6,000 are still stuck in India, waiting to fulfill the dream of return. The only impediment standing in their way is the refusal of Interior Minister Avraham Poraz to allow them to come.

For over a year, Poraz has adamantly refused to budge, citing, among other reasons, (Continued on page 28)

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They Made A Difference

Hyman Soloway 1913 - 2004

By Greg Sanders

My great uncle passed away. He was 90 and although at that age we can focus on the wonderful life he led and the incredible achievements he accomplished, I still felt a sense of emptiness and sorrow

I had the added bonus of not only being his grand-nephew, but also sharing office space

with him at Soloway Wright. Being able to walk by his office and seeing him there everyday gave me great comfort in knowing that his source of wisdom was available for virtually any question I could have on almost any legal or personal concern.

Hyman Soloway, along with others with whom I have had the opportunity to work, including Mervin Mirsky, Leon Gluzman and Max Zelikovitz, represent to me a generation that helped build our Jewish community into what it is today.

Although new leaders have carried on that incredible tradition, my great-uncle was in the category of people who pointed the community in the right direction. Almost every document establishing the Jewish community, such as the creation of the United Jewish Appeal, the Jewish Community Centre and Congregation Beth Shalom, has Hyman Soloway's name on it.

His passing also marks the end of an era for our family. He was the last survivor of my grandparents' family who had come over from Russia to start a new life in

My great-uncle and his brother, my grandfather Harry Soloway, have been inextricably linked to the Ottawa Jewish community. My grandfather was a fruit vendor who sold his fruit in the Rockliffe area. He came over from Russia before his parents and his brother and sponsored his family several years later. With my great-uncle's aspiring legal career, it was often said that the brothers would enter the same houses in two different fashions. My grandfather as the fruit seller would be knocking on the back door while my great uncle would be knocking on the front door and providing his legal services to those same families. Hy Soloway was the mind behind Beth Shalom Synagogue as much as Harry Soloway was its soul. I have wonderful memories of our family at Beth Shalom Synagogue and know that with every visit there I will cherish those moments

Involvement in the family store in Billings Bridge, practising law in 1939 for another great-uncle, my grandmother's brother, Mike Greenberg, facilitating the merger of the synagogues that became Beth Shalom and leading the services at high holidays. Hyman Soloway was not only a great patriarch of our family but also a leader of the Jewish community. He was also one of a handful of lawyers recognized as the deans of the legal community in Ottawa.

Hyman Soloway contributed to the Jewish community, the legal community and our family at a level that is difficult to comprehend today. His passing has touched us all in different ways. I had the opportunity to work with him within the Jewish community, as a lawyer and in our family gatherings. I know that my grandfather and great-uncle are looking down on us now, happy to be reunited, knowing their personal commitment to the community will continue through the next generation.

49-year-old Israeli finishes 20th

By Frankie Sachs and AP

Israeli marathon runner Haile Satayin, who was by far the oldest athlete in the competition, nearly had his superb 20th place finish taken away by Olympic organizers due to a bizarre course and timekeeping error which would have dropped him to 28th in the race won by Italian Stefano Baldini.

The 49-year-old Ethiopian-born Satavin ran a world-class race in heat and humidity that saw 20 runners - some of whom are half his age withdraw during the 41.8-kilometer challenge. Throughout the marathon, the Israeli record holder ran his race and slowly moved up towards the leaders. He was ranked 44th after the 15-km. mark. climbed to 32nd by the 25km. mark, and them cruised to 25th by the 30th km.

A final push in the last 10 km. saw Satayin pass another five runners to cross the finish line 20th overall in an impressive two hours, 17 minutes, and 25 seconds. However, in an unusual twist, the Israeli did not realize that he had finished and thought that he had one more lap to go. After crossing the finish line for the second time 1:36 later, the organizing committee erased his initial result and dropped him eight spots to correspond with his second finishing time The Israeli delegation

immediately filed an appeal, which was accepted three hours after the race ended and returned Satyain to the respectable 20th place that he rightfully earned.

Israel's other marathoner, Asaf Binro, crossed the finish line in 2:25:26, ranking the 35-year-old 59th overall.

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Haile Sayayin (Photo: Ariel Jerozolimski)

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Dreams of Zion live on

(Continued from page 27) Bnei Menashe's religious observance and their desire to live in the territories, as things he finds objection-

Recently, the Sephardic Chief Rabbi of Israel, Rabbi Shlomo Amar, sent two rabbinical emissaries to India to visit Bnei Menashe, study the community and its background, and report their findings. I accompanied the rabbis on their visit, and we have every reason to believe that the result will be favourable and that Bnei Menashe will at last receive the official recognition from Israel they have sought for so

But in the meantime, as Benjamin recovers from his wounds, his countless friends and family members still in India wait impatiently, hoping they too will be given a chance to come home to Israel

They are neither deterred by the violence, nor dissuaded by the obstacles that Poraz puts in their path. Their goal is to rejoin the Jewish people after centuries of separation, and they are confident this will come to pass.

So, as much as the Palestinians might wish to scare the Jewish people with their rockets and their missiles, Benjamin and Bnei Menashe stand as living proof that they will never succeed. Come what may, the dream of returning to Zion lives on.

The writer serves as director of Amishav (www.amishav.org.il), which reaches out and assists "lost Jews" seeking to return to the Jewish people.

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Hebrew University launches campaign to support students

Hebrew University has launched a fundraising campaign to support and preserve Israel's most valuable natural resource: its brainpower.

"Campaign for the Students," launched at its 2004 Board of Governors meeting. aims to raise \$350 million (US) over the next five years, says Avinoam Armoni, the University's new vice-president of external affairs

Funds raised will go toward two major initiatives that support students and young faculty: the new Scopus student village and scholarships at all levels.

The University currently must turn down more than a thousand requests for student housing each year, says Armoni. Students without a dorm room must find less convenient and often more expensive housing off-campus, making it more difficult for them to take advantage of university facilities, focus on studies, and become part of



Hebrew University courtyard

the "Hebrew U" community.

Monies raised will also be used to build new labs. libraries, databases, and other infrastructure that feed Ivy-league standards of research and scholarship.

The campaign will also focus on scholarships: from merit-based, basic tuition scholarships for undergraduate students, right through to quarter-million-dollar sums designed to attract brilliant young Israeli researchers back to Jerusalem.

With world-class facilities like its Jewish Studies Center or school of engineering and computer studies, Hebrew University has already succeeded in attracting young Israeli faculty back to Jerusalem. With funds in place for more academic infrastructure and scholarships, it knows it can attract more of its best and brightest.

"The Campaign for the Students is really an investment in Israel's most important assets, in Israel's future," says Charles Diamond, national director of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, "For almost 80 years, Canada has been an integral part of the university. And as we approach its eightieth anniversary, we want the to become University stronger.

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From "flat broke" to acclaimed producer

By Cynthia Nyman Engel
On Jan. 17, 1985, Wayne
Arron was in the Reagan
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D.C., for a special screening
of his documentary, Raoul
Wallenberg: Buried Alive.
The rapt audience included
U. S. Assistant-Secretary of
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congressmen and government representatives.

"I'd never been to Washington before, then whoosh, I was parachuted into the White House ... by invitation!" he marvels. It was a crowning moment for the producer of the award-winning film, regarded by the Wallenberg Family as the definitive story.

Arron had planned to be an engineer. "I actually started in Civil Engineering and, in fact, I had even started the second year when I realized I was in the wrong place," he says. He switched into the University of Toronto's Faculty of Arts, studied under eminent professors like Northrop Frye, and graduated in 1974 with a Masters of Arts in English.

In 1975, as he contemplated getting his doctorate, Arron received an offer he couldn't refuse. "My friend, [fellow Ottawan] Peter Lauterman, had moved to



Wayne Arron

Toronto to become a writer and he had fallen into a job in a movie as a runner and a prop man. Then Peter and another friend made a documentary, and invited me to get involved in writing the narrative. We had so much fun I decided to jump into the

film industry myself."

That decision led to a documentary chronicling the filming of the movie Lies My Father Told Me, with Arron in charge of production. Aaron raised the money, and the CBC bought the movie.

Next the trio created Exposure, a half hour drama about a photographer who falls in love with a school-teacher who turns out to be a lesbian. Exposure won four awards at the 1981Yorkton Film Festival in

Saskatchewan. Arron also won the CFTA Most Promising New Producer Award.

"That gave me some recognition and I decided to strike out as a producer on my own," he says. Thus did Raoul Wallenberg: Buried Alive begin. Peter Lauterman, who wrote the script for the film, went on to become one of the most successful writers in Canada. The documentary, which has been seen around the world, received the Genie Award for Theatrical Documentary and a Certificate of Special Merit from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences.

"For me, Wallenberg was totally a labour of love," says

He also spent 12 years involved in quality children's television with the highly acclaimed OWL TV and produced Spirit Rider, a well-received CBC Movie of the Week

"It's been a very interesting career," says the 54-year old producer, who is listed in Canadian WHO'S WHO 2003, and in the Dictionary of International Biography, 2004 edition. "I love being around people who are creative and crazy. I feed off it. I was flat broke three times but I found a way to survive one way or another.

"I was spoiled rotten," says the long ago Hiilel Academy graduate. "I had noidea of money but I learned to look after myself. I have thrived and survived here and what it comes down to is the quality of my work.

"It's been a tough struggle," he admits. "It's not an easy business. We're going out to raise millions of dollars to put a dream on the

"How would I advise someone else? I'd say 'Good luck, but know that it is really tough.' It's not everything it appears to be, not even for the actors," he says.

Wayne is the son of Yetta and Larry Arron. He and his wife, Ava (Wise), call Toronto home. They have two sons, David, 16, and Daniel, 13.

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formance of tasks and ultimately allowed them to stay in the Judaic school system.

Hillel Academy is especially proud of its Student Services Team. Led by the student services co-ordinator, the team includes a social worker, an occupational therapist, a specch therapist, remediation teachers and a number of

learn, improved their per- parent volunteers. Both the ADK and Grade 1 for occupational therapist and the social worker spend two days a week at the school.

The social worker has a background in psychology and is available to the students, parent body and Hillel staff for consultation, inclass activities, evaluation and therapy.

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The team members act as consultants to classroom teachers and parents, assessing a child's needs and recommending a course of action. When necessary, individual education plans (IEPs) are created for students.

Numerous studies have shown the effectiveness of

OT in schools and the positive impact it has had on grades, self-esteem and behaviour. Fortunately for these special needs students, community support for the program has allowed treatment to continue

For more information about Student Services, or to make a contribution to the program, please contact Hillel Academy (722-0020)

YRHS receives national physical education award

Yitzhak Rabin High School (YRHS) received the Platinum School Recognition Award from the Canadian Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (CAHPERD). The Platinum Award recognizes the Canadian schools that offer 150 minutes per week of quality physical education to every student throughout the school year.

Less than three per cent of the 17.256 Canadian

award. YRHS is one of only 440 schools to receive the award for the 2004-2004 school year.

award is an important achievement for schools," says Nick Forsberg President of CAHPERD. "Schools offering 150 minutes of physical education per week provide a quality program that contributes to the healthy growth and development of every stu-

schools qualified for the dent, and provide the knowledge and skills that they need to be active for life'

YRHS physical educa-"Winning this national tion program is extremely diverse. This year students have curled, golfed, played football, baseball, soccer, basketball: fenced, kick boxed, did pilates, learned CPR, jogged, took power walks, played scooter hockey, volleyball and badminton and took a bike trip



Students learn the meaning of Tzedakah

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UJA 2005 Chairs Suzanne Sassoon, Anna-Lee Chiprout and Robert Greenberg (Photo: Francine Greenspoon)

UJA chairs have busy summer preparing for fall campaign

By Diane Koven

While the rest of the community enjoyed a relaxing, leisurely summer, the incoming chairs of the 2005 UJA campaign were busy planning and strategizing in preparation for the autumn fundraising launch.

UJA is hoping to raise \$4.5 million this year.

Robert Greenberg agreed to return for a second term as overall campaign chair. Well known as a longstanding, dedicated volunteer, Greenberg's involvement stems in part from his desire to honour his late parents who also gave so much of themselves to Ottawa's Jewish community.

Suzanne Sassoon, co-chair of the UJA Women's Division, became involved in the Jewish community when she met her late husband, Gaby Sassoon. Gaby's love for the community and untiring volunteerism were contagious – wherever volunteers were needed, Gaby appeared. Before long, Suzanne found herself involved as well and, since Gaby's death, she has continued to work on several of the causes he held dear. "Because Gaby had died, I wanted to carry on and do things and try to take his place," she said. "I also thought it was a very good opportunity for me to grow."

A nurse by training, Sassoon is the territory development leader for GlaxoSmithKline, recruiting doctors to do clinical trials. Her region includes all of Eastern, Southwest and Northern Ontario so she is kept very busy. She is, therefore, happy to have her friend Anna-Lee Chiprout as co-chair of Women's Division. They worked together on the campaign last year and feel confident they will be a successful team this year.

Chiprout is a native Ottawan who spent her childhood years in Renfrew. Following the Six Day War, she went to Israel and

worked on a kibbutz for eight months. After a brief return to Canada, she once again left for Israel where she studied at an Ulpan and worked at the Weizman Institute. She married there and returned to Ottawa with her husband, Danny.

"The community and Israel are very important parts of my life and I feel that if you don't get involved and you don't give to your community, then there won't be a community in the future," said Chiprout. "You can't always say that someone else is going to do it."

Last year, Chiprout and Sassoon went on the community mission to Israel, an experience that had a profound effect on both of them. "When I went on the mission, I saw what UJA is really about, where our UJA monies go in Israel," said Chiprout. "Going on the mission opened my eyes to

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An Ethiopian Jew's long road to freedom

By Katy Peplinskie

"To be a Jew in Ethiopia is to be in hell," says Solomon Tamrat, a Jew from Addis Ababa in Southern Ethiopia who immigrated to Ottawa in 1995.

"Everyone is brainwashed to hate them," he continues. "People think they'll get sick just looking at them."

"In Ethiopia, Jews aren't human - they're nothing," Tamrat adds. "In Ethiopia, you feel ashamed."

The lines on Tamrat's mahogany-coloured face make him appear older than his 32 years, but his eyes have a rare vibrancy about them. They are soft, kind and forgiving – the eyes of a man who has made peace with a turbulent past. For Tamrat, this peace had been a long time in coming.

Tamrat and his family practiced Judaism only in private to avoid persecution. The form of Judaism they practised, though, was different from the mainstream, since the Beta Israel immigrated to Africa before Rabbinic Judaism's evolution.

The Beta Israel is entirely ignorant of the Mishnah and Talmudic tradition. It also has no Hebraic knowledge, since their prayers are recited in Ge'cz, the sacred language of Ethiopian Christians.

Tamrat's family set about getting him out of the country when he was 18. If he had stayed in Addis Ababa just a few months longer, he could have been part of Operation Solomon, a project executed by the Jewish Agency, the Israeli government, and the IDF, that flew 14,325 Jews out of Ethiopia in 1990. Instead, Tamrat took a longer route to freedom.

When he finished high school, his mother bought him a fake license and he travelled to Kenya in a civilian truck transporting supplies. After eight or nine months just inside the border of Kenya, he settled in the United Nations' Marafa Refugee Camp in Mombasa where he would remain for three years.

In Mombasa, Tamrat had to get up every morning at 6:30 am, only to stand in line for two slices of bread and a cup of tea. By 1 pm, he was in line again, waiting for his only other meal of the day.

He missed his family, who had decided to stay in Addis Ababa, not wanting to start from scratch - "They just accepted their life the way it was," says Tamrat.



Solomon Tamrat

"That was their mentality."

Though life was difficult in the camp, Tamrat was getting by, taking things "one day at a time." Then, malaria struck. What stands out most in Tamrat's mind about his malaria is the smell: "I smelled so bad – so bad – because I was sweating so much. I couldn't stop sweating."

He also couldn't eat anything since he was constantly feverish and nauseous. "Soon, I was skin and bone." he recalls.

His bouts of malaria would come and go, usually lasting for about 10 days at a time. The UN dispensed medicine for malaria, but Tamrat said it didn't help much. "What I really needed was to eat better," he says. "But of course, there was never enough lood for the refugees."

Tamrat also had to contend with the agony of being cooped up in the camp. According to Tanrat, that was why the Muslim fanatics spent so much time trying to "impose their language and religion on everyone." That was why so many people got involved in dirty politics and got "blood on their hands" – because there was nothing else with which the refugees could occupy themselves.

To keep himself busy, Tamrat decided to volunteer as a gardener on the grounds of the UN's High Commission for Refugees building. At first he gardened in the day-time, but other refugees would give him a hard time for working for free. Tamrat eventually began gardening at night to avoid having to constantly explain his actions.

After a few weeks of working like this, Jean Paterson, a UN social counsellor, searched him out

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Chairs have busy summer

(Continued from page 33) how much of a difference our UJA dollars makes for schools, hospitals, victims of terror. I also know how important and vital the community."

The Women's Division youth involved this year, especially the Young Women's Leadership.

Another new area of interest for Chiprout is the

non-Jewish supporter of Israel. Since going to Israel last year as part of a joint Jewish-Christian mission, she has come to realize that there is financial support money is to our Jewish right here in our community that has not been tapped.

"There are so many will be focusing on getting Christians that want to support Israel," she said. "We have a new market that we can reach out to"

UJA Director Jack Silverstein is enthusiastic about his first campaign and this year's chairs and volunteer team

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"in past years, we've had volunteers lead the discussions," says librarian Donna Guttman. "This year, we've asked freelance writer and OJB Book Beat columnist Kinneret Globerman to present and lead the discussions. She does a wonderful job in her column, but she also founded her own book club which is now seven years old, and has lead other

as well. Given her experience with books, we thought she'd make a good facilitator."

The 'we' Guttman refers to is herself and Ruth Levitan, past-chair of the Greenberg Families Library. Both women got together last year to brainstorm on what the library could do to generate more interest in the discussion series. Deciding on Globerman was one new ingredient; alternating the sessions between evenings and afternoons was another. And choosing Jewish classics was a third

Six 20th Century classics have been chosen for the year, with Anzia Yezierska's



Kinneret Globerman

Bread Givers starting off the series on Wednesday, October 13, at 7:30 pm at the Solway Jewish Community Centre. All discussions will take place on a Wednesday as follows: November 17, at 1:30 pm, Stefan Zweig's Buried Candelabrum; December 8 at 1:30 pm, Bernard Malamud's The Assistant; March 2 at 1:30 pm, Israel Joshua Singer's The Family Carnovsky; April 6 at 7:30 pm, Chaim Grade's The Agunah; and May 18 at 7:30 pm, Mordecai Richler's St. Urbain's Horseman

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The book discussion series is free for Soloway JCC members. Non-members can pay \$5.00 as they go, or \$20.00 for the entire series.

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Summer program reminds student to "remember the stranger"

By Katy Peplinskie

It was only 6:30 am, but the sun was already high in the sky as Naomi Levitz left her bunkhouse and headed into the tobacco field. A radio weather report promised the temperature would reach 32 degrees Celsius.

The day would be arduous, as always, and as long as the dusty paths that snaked between the tobacco rows, disappearing into the horizon. Levitz would toil until dusk, planting and pulling, until her back was

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sore and her skin was burnt. She would do this every day, seven days a week, for the next two months.

But Levitz didn't mind. In fact, she said even though she was paid only minimum wage, she would've liked to have farmed all summer, simply because it was such "an amazing learning experience."

She was part of a hundred-year-old program sponsored by Frontier College that allows students to live and work alongside migrant workers while teaching them English literacy skills. A major benefit of the program is that it exposes youth to different cultures and ways of life.

True, the work is backbreaking, but Levitz says she learned how "beautiful" it is to reach out to "strangers in strange lands."

Levitz enjoyed her time teaching the migrants English. She said it was "inspiring...to see the wheels of understanding turning."

She also had an "amaz-

ing" time with them outside the classroom.

Levitz recalls the time she lit Shabbat candles on Friday night with her fellow workers, and then ate a big dinner with them. Between the migrants' broken English and her limited knowledge of Spanish, they discussed the similarities between the Christian and the Jewish Sabbath. Levitz also recalls swapping recipes for Challah and Mexican wedding cake with them

Levitz tried to immerse her new friends in Canadian culture. They went biking, played sports, went dancing, drank beer and ate poutine.

Language is typically the main barrier against foreigners' integration into new societies, Levitz says, so she did her best to guide the migrants in the community so they could get a taste of Canada.

The Torah reminds Jews at least 36 times to "remember the stranger," since Jews, too, were often strangers in



Naomi Levitz sits with two other farm workers inside their bunkhouse in Leamington,

strange lands. In fact, Jews themselves have benefited tremendously from Canada's commitment to diversity and openness.

Levitz encourages everyone to help those new to Canada: "People would get more out of helping them than they could ever imagine," she says. "I know I have."

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kes enemies in United Nations camp Retugee

(Continued from page 33) in the camp, and demanded to know who had been paying him for his work. Once he convinced her he was gardening only for the sake of being useful, she was impressed by his strong work ethic. Paterson invited him to help her complete a refugee census.

To prepare Tamrat for his new job, she took him shopping for new clothes. "I had been wearing the same clothes for so long, and they

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had become threadbare," Tamrat says.

Next, Paterson and Tamrat went to a restaurant for traditional Kenyan food. "It was like a miracle," he sighs, smiling at the memory. "I ate that meal with both my hands as though I was a starving man."

Tamrat was paid 600 shillings a week for his work. "In Kenya, that's a lot of money," he says. "I was rich. I could buy anything."

His job with Paterson was

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to interview all the people in the camp - the Ethiopians, the Ugandans and the Somalis - and identify the criminals, the fanatics, and those with military ties. These people are not allowed in UN refugee camps.

Often, Tamrat used his wages to bribe people and find out the stories behind the refugees. Tamrat made enemies this way, though. He recalls one particularly frightening night.

"I just knew something was wrong," he says. "Something bad was going to happen. Then, some Somalis [in the camp] asked me to spend the night with them, and even though I always slept in my own tent, I decided to stay with them."

It's fortunate he did.

'The next morning, I found my tent burned to the U.S. ground," Tamrat says. Someone had set my tent on fire thinking I was inside it." After that, he stopped sleeping in the refugee camp, instead staying in town.

But Tamrat's time in

Kenya was quickly coming to an end.

On the last day of his contract. Paterson called him to her office.

"I had no idea what was going to happen, but she asked me, 'would you rather go to Canada or the United States?

"Someone had set my tent on fire thinking I was inside it."

"As soon as she asked me that, I knew I was getting out," Tamrat says.

Paterson was an American, but she recommended he go to Canada since she said it's safer and has a better health care system than the

Other UN officials were also happy to assist with his immigration since, as Roseline Ukpa Okoro, UN associate protection officer, says, Tamrat had been "invaluable [to them] in facilitating the

smooth operation of staff activities in the field."

"It all happened so fast," Tamrat says. He underwent the necessary medical tests, and, remarkably, became a landed Canadian immigrant within two weeks, thanks to his new friends at the UN pulling strings for him.

Almost as soon as he arrived in Ottawa, Tamrat began attending school to improve his English. After working several odd jobs, he went to Ottawa's Mican College and became a certified personal support worker.

"It was time to do my part and help people as much as I had been helped," says Tamrat. He started a home care

business and now tends to the sick and aged.

One of his clients. Zelda Freedman, says she is very grateful to have Tamrat as her support worker: "I believe in angels, and that is what ... Solomon has meant to me," she says. "Solomon is the kindest, most compassionate, caring person I have ever met, and there isn't a day that goes by that I don't thank God for meeting him."

Tamrat says the feelings are mutual between him and

"Every time I help someone, I know that this is what I'm supposed to be doing," he says. "I'm just happy to be free."

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ommunity helps family build a better life in

By Lisa Shapiro

Wild economic fluctuations, unstable politics, and a society ruled by corruption. These are the defining characteristics of Argentina, according to The Economist magazine.

So, seeking a better life for their children, Nora Wolfson, a pediatric endocrinoloist, and Eduardo Chaiquin, an electrical engineer, emigrated from Argentina to Canada in

Wolfson, who attended a medical congress in Montreal in 2001, had gone home with good feelings about Canada. She also

liked that she and her husband spoke English, one of Canada's official lan-

In the fall of 2003, they received approval to become Canadian landed immigrants. They went through the heart-wrenching process of saying goodbye to family and friends and disposing of most of their possessions. They arrived in Canada on April 22, 2004.

Just before leaving Buenos Aires, they learned that Chaiquin's job offer in Southern Ontario had been withdrawn. The family changed its plans and

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instead came to Ottawa to stay with a childhood friend of Wolfson's.

Meanwhile, aware of the desire of Jews in various strife-ridden countries to come to Canada, Linda Steingarten had gotten the word out last fall to Temple Israel, Agudath Israel and Adath Shalom Congregations.

A small group got together this past winter to discuss ways to help. They heard from Mila Voihanski, executive director of Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of

Through Jewish Community Council of Ottawa's Executive Director Mitchell Bellman, Steingarten learned that Sergio Fiszman, an Argentine-born Canadian, was in touch with some immigrants in Ottawa. In late April, Fiszman introduced the Wolfson-Chaiquins and other new immigrants to the

While a certain amount

for landed immigrant status, that money goes quickly while job-hunting.

"We are so thankful for all the help we are receiving," says Chaiquin.

Jewish Family Services, which Chaiquin says helped the family from the day they arrived here, referred the family to the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board's Family Reception Centre so the children could be placed in school.

Retired Ottawa social worker, Sheila Baslaw, organized a small group to give 16-year-old Demian lessons to improve his Eng-

The Jewish Community Centre staff enabled 13year-old Melany and 6-yearold Dario to enrol late in June in the SJCC summer camp where, Wolfson says, they "enjoyed all the good things that camp has to offer and made good friends."

Various members of the Ottawa community have offered household furnishof money is a qualification ings and more importantly,

friendship.

For Wolfson, priorities are getting the children settled and studying for her Canadian medical certifica-

Chaiquin is optimistic he will find a job in his field. His specialty relates to remote control and automation - something engineers know as SCADA - but he is open to any possibility.

Understandably, Wolfson-Chaiquins miss

their family and friends in Argentina. However, they are finding Canada a much calmer place in which to

As Chaiquin says, "it was a very wise decision to come to Canada. Things work properly here. We are full of hope."

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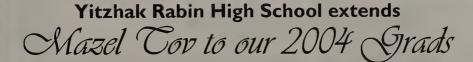
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Ottawa Reconstructionist Havurah welcomes student rabbi

By Barry H. Schneider

For the first time ever, the Ottawa Reconstructionist Havurah (ORH) will enjoy rabbinic leadership. Rachel Schoenfeld, a Canadian senior student at Philadelphia's Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, will be working with ORH throughout the coming year.

Schoenfeld will help lead monthly Shabbat services. She will also work with the Havurah's Bar/Bat Mitzvah candidates and adult-education programping

A native of Toronto, Schoenfeld is a graduate of McGill's Jewish teachertraining program. Her teaching practica were at Bialik High School and the Jewish People's and Peretz School. She has also taught children and adults at Montreal's Shaar Hashomayim, the Liberal Yeshiva in Jerusalem, and the Germantown Jewish Center in Philadelphia.

During the first four years of her five-year rabbinic training, Schoenfeld's assignments have included working as a field worker with the Jerusalem branch of the Reconstructionist Rabbinic College as well as rabbinic activities with the University of Georgia Hil-



Rachel Schoenfeld will help lead monthly Shabbat services at ORH.

lel, the Havurah Lev Shalom in Atlanta, and the Abramson Center for Jewish Life, a facility for senior citizens in Philadelphia. Schoenfeld is trained as a soferet (scribe) and participates in drama and dance.

When asked why she decided to become a rabbi, Schoenfeld responded that it was because she is "an idealist, [who] believes that God is a force that brings change to the world." She

finds that the work of a rabbi "combines things she loves — community, prayer, and togetherness." She was interested in coming to the Ottawa Havurah, where she had previously attended services because she "felt completely at home, liked the size and the friendliness." She also mentioned her preference for a community in Canada.

The ORH, in existence for more than 15 years, is one of 100 congregations and havurot affiliated with the Reconstructionist movement. It views Judaism as an evolving religious civilization, not just a religion, but as a culture as well. The

ORH activities include Shabbat and holiday services, adult-education programs, social events, and programming for Bar/Bat Mitzvah candidates. Rabbi Bob Gluck will be assisting with the ORH's Yom Kippur services, this year.

The ORH invites the community to participate in its High Holiday activities, Shabbat, and festival services. As a security measure, it asks all those wishing to attend to make arrangements in advance. Members should bring their membership cards.

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Agudath's new rabbi up for the challenge

By Laurence Wall

Rabbi Charles Popky's trial by fire came in 1988 at the age of 29.

He had just been hired as an assistant rabbi at a congregation in Kansas City when the senior rabbi suddenly resigned

So, for seven months, Rabbi Popky became the spiritual leader at a time of lingering tension due to the senior rabbi's resignation. Fortunately "it was a great shidduch (match) because the congregation and I clicked," he says.

Rabbi Popky later served at congregations in San Francisco, Newton Centre, Mass., Lowell, Mass., and Detroit.

He's now taken up his duties as the spiritual leader for Agudath Israel, replacing Rabbi Arnold Fine who recently retired after 23 years of service.

The 45-year-old Popky was born in Wilkes-Barre. Pa., home to 2,000 Jewish families. His father was a dressmaker who also made costumes for the local theatre.

"My father didn't want me to go into the dress business," he says. "It was a big industry, but it was going downhill because of the cheap imports."

The Popky family lived just behind their synagogue and down the street from the rabbi. His mother was the local president of the National Council of Jewish Women while his father served on the board of the shul.

But it was a Hebrew schoolteacher who may have provided his final nudge into the rabbinate. "He made

Jewish history a living thing, not ancient history," Rabbi Popky recalls.

Rabbi Popky received his BA in Near Eastern and Jewish Studies from Brandeis University in Massachusetts then became a rabbi in 1988 after receiving his MA in Jewish studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York.

In 1998, he married Alison Levy, someone he'd known for almost his entire life. They now have two children. Noa. 3, and Aliza, 1 1/2.

At first, Rabbi Popky didn't apply for the opening at Agudath Israel because he and Alison were looking for a congregation closer to her parents in Wilkes-Barre. However, he changed his mind after he saw the results of Agudath's congregational questionnaire - he and the congregation had agreed on many of the same issues and concerns.

Popky emphasizes that he's not here to make major changes: "My first goal is to get to know the people and this community.

One of the thorniest issues Rabbi Popky may be dealing with is women's participation in the services. "It's not a change that we have to do tomorrow," he says. "There are ways of offering alternatives, like the different services available during the High Holidays."

Another issue is the length of Shabbat services. To that, he replies: "It's not just about shortening the service. It's what do people expect from the service?

After working for five

congregations, he says his style has gradually changed.

"I'm learning more patience and realizing that change happens slowly," he says. "You have to account for different perspectives."

And Rabbi Popky says he doesn't worry that some congregants will compare his his predecessor.

"I'm still young enough and have a lot to learn," he says. "I think Rabbi Fine's perceptions and experience

will be a great benefit."

In his spare time. Rabbi Popky is an audiophile, with particular interest in classical music and jazz. He once danced with an Israel folk dance ensemble in New York called Parparim.

Agudath's new rabbi doesn't take himself too seriously words and deeds to those of He says a rabbi's work of guiding and inspiring a sometimes-reluctant congregation is similar to that of a dentist.

"I guess we both pull teeth," he jokes.



Rabbi Charles Popky and his wife Alison Levy have two children, Noa, 3, and Aliza, 1 1/2.



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But, history is just that, history – something to be cherished and learned from.

Over the last few decades, Ottawa's Jewish community has shifted dramatically to the west of the city – the JCC and other Jewish community organizations, once located downtown, have all made the move. A perception naturally existed that Ottawa's downtown synagogue, Beth Shalom, would eventually dissolve – but this did not happen. In fact, Beth Shalom has become a thriving, multigenerational community.

Many of Beth Shalom's members live in the west, but pray downtown. With the option of family seating, increased women's involve-



(From left to right) Beth Shalom Parness Shira Benlolo, Allan Baker and Jay Amdur.

ment in the services, and the continuation of Ortbodox liturgy, it bas a combination that is very appealing to many Jews.

Although Beth Shalom is no longer considered an Orthodox synagogue, it still continues to gain new Orthodox members. Many younger families are seeking a more modern way of life, and Beth Shalom offers tradition while adapting to the modern

There are four distinct generations all learning from each other and all enjoying each other's company at Beth Shalom – the founders, the baby boomers, the young professionals and the synagogue's future, the children.

Eight-year-old Shira Benlolo is a perfect example of a child thriving in the new Beth Shalom. She is probably the third youngest parness in North America and on a typical Shabbat morning she helps Jay Amdur and Allan Baker pass out the Alviavas.

Children of all ages join the Chazzan on the Bimah for Ein Kelokeinu, and parade around the sanctuary holding the Torah crown. Beth Shalom's founding members and baby boomers are thrilled to see all the generations participate so willingly. At the same time, the young professionals are filled with a sense of pride as they watch their children participate. This makes Beth Shalom a true family in every sense of the word.

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Naphtali Benguigui, a beloved husband, to Miriam Benguigui by Cantor Daniel and Muriel Benlolo and the kids

Quilt depicting Jerusalem to hang in school chapel

When Danielle Dugas suggested, a little over a year ago, that Adath Shalom could make a quilt and have it hanging in the Hillel Academy chapel by fall 2004, some members were a bit lacking in faith.

Claire Cohen's final yet to be designed and condesign called for a view of Jerusalem flanked by stained glass like panels depicting Jewish festivals, symbols, and themes. Though the template for the final product was completed, the individual pieces had

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structed and the many pieces assembled into one.

The workers must have listened to the words they embroidered on the quilt of Jerusalem with the aid of Iris Arnon's calligraphy, "Comfort ye, comfort ye, My people, saith your God. Bid Jerusalem take heart."

On September 11, Adath Shalom will say a Shehecheyanu for their newly framed and finished quilt.

Fourteen women contributed pieces to the project. The workers met regularly to exchange ideas, and later, when Ruth Ain had assembled the panels, to sit with the quilt draped on their laps and secure the many layers with their thread.

Like the vision of Jerusalem the women were fashioning, the quilt represented community, a community not limited to Adath Shalom. Fortunée Shugar offered early advice on how to successfully complete a large piece executed by many hands. Expert quilter



The Adath Shalom member-made quilt depicting Jerusalem will hang in the chapel at 31 Nadolny Sachs Private.

Elena Keen offered much appreciated advice and instruction to a group of women who had never quilted before.

Individual pieces were fashioned by Ruth Ain, Rhona Bloomfield, Ellen Caplan, Claire Cohen, Danielle Dugas, Zyna Janiszewski Duke, Fern Goldman, Arielle Goldman-

Smith, Ruth Kahane, Leslie Ram, Susan Robertson. Verna Schwartz, Chris Shugar, and Carol Steinberg.

Adath Shalom, a member-led egalitarian conservative synagogue will be holding High Holy Day services at the SJCC with Rabbi Miriam Spitzer, For ticket or membership information call 240-4564

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Downtown orthodox shul now open

By Heshel Teitelbaum

The newest orthodox synagogue in Ottawa opened its doors for the first time on June 10.

Ohev Yisroel is located at 516 Rideau Street, between Cobourg and Augusta, Members of the shul are residents of Sandy Hill, Centretown, and other areas, students at the University of Ottawa and Carleton University, as well as tourists and businessmen looking for orthodox services in the downtown area.

At the opening ceremonics of the Chanukas HaBayis, following minchah services, Divrei Brachah and Divrei Torah were given by Rabbi Yonah Burr, Rosh Kol-



Rabbi Yonah Burr affixes the mezuzah to the doorpost.

lel of Ottawa, and Rabbi Mordechai Cohen, director of the Ottawa Vaad Hakashrut

Rabbi Burr affixed the mezuzah. Ma'ariv services and refreshments followed the ceremonies. All participants were excited by the prospect of starting a new shul and now look forward to the shul growing in strength.

Ohev Yisroel is holding an Open House on Sunday, September 12, 2.00 pm. A procession with a Sefer Torah. starting in Sandy Hill and leading to the shul premises, will begin the festivities.

All members of the Ottawa Jewish community are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

For further information on services and Shul membership please call 565-6194. Ohey Yisroel wishes all members of the Jewish Community a Happy and Healthy

A Rosh Hashanah message from Kollel of Ottawa

By Rabbi Yonah A. Burr, Rosh Kollei

With Rosh Hashanah rapidly approaching, Jews everywhere look forward to happiness, health and success. For on Rosh Hashanah, as the Torah teaches us in the beautiful metaphor of the Mishna (Rosh Hashanah 16a), "All who walk upon the Earth pass before Him like sheep before a shepherd, as it is said: "He who forms their hearts as one is He who comprehends all their deeds." (Psalms 33:15)

Just as the shepherd selects which of his sheep will go to pasture, and which to slaughter, so too God judges mankind on Rosh Hashanah, decreeing who among his children will live and who will die, who will be lifted up and who will be brought down, who will be enriched and who will be impoverished. As the Torah tells us, "The Rock (God) is perfect in deed, and all his ways are just." (Deuteronomy 32:04)

Yet in our eyes, God's judgment is sometimes difficult to understand. We all know of thoughtless, inconsiderate, uncharitable, and even evil people who seemingly succeed in everything they do. They thrive, they remain healthy, and sometimes they even grow wealthy from their misdeeds. Where is God's jus-

Perhaps, as Rabbi Yisroel Salanter so wisely observes, the key to this seeming contradiction may be found in the words of the Biblical verses themselves. "All his ways are just," the Torah assures us, and the psalmist emphasizes the thought, "He comprehends all their

In an earthly court, the judges base their decision on the evidence before

them, and there are strict rules of law that determine which evidence is admissible in the court. No other factors can be considered: no extraneous circumstances ean be taken into eonsideration. The impact the verdict will bave on the defendant's family, his associates or the community at large simply cannot be taken into account. Innocence is innoeence, and guilt is guilt.

But in the Heavenly Court, the rules of evidence are different. All His ways are just, for He comprehends all their deeds. If a negative judgment against an individual will have an unfair impact on others who deserve better, God's court does take that into account. If a person has a family to

support, friends who need him and others who rely upon him, he may be sealed in the Book of Life on their account, if not on his own.

The fact that this "additional evidence" is admissible in the Heavenly Tribunal may be used for our benefit. Every time we smile at a friend or neighbour, every time we take time from our busy days to offer a helping hand to someone in need, every time we console the troubled or offer support in word or deed, we acquire credits that may well tip the balance of judgment in our favour. And the more we involve ourselves in the community at large, the more credits we accrue to assure our continuing success in the coming new year.

Kollel has successful year

Yonah A. Burr

By inviting the scholars of the Kollel to study and teach in its midst, the Ottawa Jewish community is certainly doing its part in building stronger Jewish awareness, and assuring Jewish continuity in Ottawa.

The Kollel has had a very successful year.

Its impact is being felt in many ways, from the many classes and individual one-on-one study offered weekly, to special programming like the weekend visit of Israeli former Chief Rabbi Yisroel Meir Lau, shlita (person of leadership), the Second Roundtable Conference on Business Ethics and Jewish Law, and a public lecture by noted Holocaust authority Dr. Maurice Katz.

The response of the community has been

Hundreds of people, of every age, every walk of life, and every level of religious observance have participated in our programs, and Kollel rabbis have been invited to give classes and seminars in places of business, private homes, and synagogues all across the eity.

The Kollel eurrently offers elasses in the Alta Vista area, the Beth Shalom West area, and at a private home in the Young Israel area, as well as in the Kollel itself. We are working with the Hillel School to develop a special Bar/Bat Mitzvah Enrichment Program for its students.

In the merit of our learning together and growing together, and in the merit of our joint efforts at strengthening Yiddishkeit in Ottawa, may we all be inscribed for a happy and healthy, a sweet and successful new year.



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Jewish New Year celebrations by Canadian Jewish servicemen in Italy during the Second World War. Captain B. Rose, blowing the shofar, Captain S. Hooker and an unidentified individual in the Theatre Politeana during services for the Jewish New Year. (Canadian Army Oversees photo, photograph courtesy the Ottawa Jewish Archives)

Captain B. Rose was from Ottawa and the senior Jewish Chaplain to the Eighth Army and the First Canadian Corps.

Rabbi Rose (Issie) was the son of Louis Rose. His parents operated a pawnshop on the Byward Market and the family, including a sister Hannah, lived upstairs over the store. He received his early education at York Street Public School and religious education at the Ottawa Talmud Torah in the late 1920s and early 1930s.

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Wishing the
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Love of knitting benefits non-profit agencies

By Katy Peplinskie

Every Wednesday afternoon, the Mitzvah Knitters gather at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre. Though of varied backgrounds, ages and faiths, they are bound by their simple love of knitting.

But much louder than the clicking of knitting needles at their get-togethers, is the talking and laughing - the meetings are a place to socialize.

"When I moved to Ottawa from Montreal. I didn't have any friends, but I've met a lot of people here," says Virginia Stupp.

"Mostly, I come for the dirty jokes, though," she kids, and several women break into laughter.

There's always a lot of laughter when the Knitters meet, says Naomi Pearlman, founder of the group: "The women are hilarious."

Everyone involved is also united by a strong desire to help her community. "Mitzvah" is a Hebrew word that translates directly to "commandment," and refers to the Jewish requirement to do good deeds.

The group formed about five years ago when Hillel

Lodge moved to its new location on Nadolny Sachs Private, and Pearlman wanted to knit housewarming presents for the residents.

Pearlman says the group began with 15 or 20 members, and by the time the project was finished, 43 people had joined and crafted 300

When the Lodge opened, the residents were allowed to choose their own knitted presents from among the brightly coloured afghans, hats, scarves, slippers and robes the Knitters had laid out in the Lodge's lounge.

"It was a magnificent thing," she remembers.

Since then, the group has continued to grow, and has donated knitted items to such places as the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, the Salvation Army, Amethyst House, Bruce House, Cornerstone and the Ottawa Hospital

Susan Garvey, director of Cornerstone, says "for women who are often without the presence of family and friends, [the Mitzvah Knitters'] gifts are a powerful reminder that someone cares."

Denis St. Denis, past chairperson of the Snowsuit Fund, echoes Garvey's sentiments

"With the vast assortment of knitted garments [the group] has contributed ... children are able to have colour co-ordinated accesories that not only keep them warm, but also make them feel quite special," he says.

Pearlman encourages people to clean their cupboards, and donate their old wool to the Mitzvah Knitters.

To make a wool or cash donation, call Maxine Miska (798-9818, ext. 263), or leave your donations at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre, 21 Nadolny Sachs



Mitzvah knitters Virginia Stupp (left) and Ilse Lutzow

(Photo: Katy Peolinskie)

Naomi Pearlman's adventure continues

By Katy Peplinskie

She eamed a bachelor of science in a time when few women ventured far from the home. She married a doctor, and travelled the world with him, from Italy, to England to Israel, to Alaska. She raised three children, and became the grandmother of eight more.

And then Naomi Pearlman got restless.

"When women reach a certain age of maturity, they feel like they're no longer needed," she says. "I knew it was time for me to find something to make me feel useful, again."

She had always done "bits and pieces of social service," but she decided to take her volunteer work to the next level. With that, the Mitzvah Knitters was formed.

"There are a lot of women in the same position I was in," Pearlman says. "Now we meet every week to keep busy knitting and socializing, while at the same time helping others by donating our knitting."

The Mitzvah Knitters have donated their knitting to 17 agencies across the city, and have helped thousands of people.

So, what's next for Pearlman?



Naomi Pearlman

"I don't know if I can take any more excitement," she says with a laugh. "It's been quite an adventure."

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Israelis savour Gal Friedman's Olympic gold

Special midday news coverage on Israel's Channel I generally sends shudders up and down my spine.

When Channel 1 interprogramming and trots out breathless reporters to give on-the-spot coverage, it is usually a sign of disaster of a bus blown to bits, of torn bodies on the road, of Zaka (Disaster Victims Identification) volunteers picking up human tissuc.

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special full-throttle midday coverage of a sporting event - just like in a "normal" country

Well, actually not. It's hard to believe a "normal" rupts its regularly scheduled country would follow with such anticipation, emotion, and expectation the exploits of a native son in - let's face a rather obscure sport.

I'm a sports fan, and a dedicated one. I'm also a huge fan of the Olympics. 1 can name the host city of every summer Olympics since 1936. I can hum the theme music that accompanies (or at least it used to) Olympic television coverage in the States.

I know from Kip Keino and Frank Shorter, from Bruce Jenner and Dick Fosbury. I have logged hundreds of Olympic viewing hours in my life.

Yet I have never before seen a windsurfing contest. I have no clue what the rules are, how many marks must be circled, or how the whole thing works. Up until the event, mistral sounded to me



Gal Friedman celebrate winning the first Olympic gold medal for Israel.

like what happens in court when a lawyer messes up.

Yet there I was, in the middle of a workday, glued to Channel 1's special coverage, counting along with the announcer how many windsurfers separated Friedman from his Brazilian rival, and praying for good wind.

Friedman's victory, I must admit, left me choked up. It left me feeling the same way I felt when Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon circled high above the country and, in a live hook-up with the prime minister, said, "I think that the people of Israel, and the Jewish people as a whole, are a wonderful people."

The feeling watching Friedman win is different than the regular jingoist pride citizens of other countries feel when their athletes are victorious. It is laced with something that is peculiarly Jewish, peculiarly Israeli.

The wires will predictably write that Friedman brought joy to Israel at a time where there is little to cheer about. But that's not it; there is something deeper, more symbolic, at play in our joy over Friedman.

At a time when Jews in France are afraid to walk out their doors displaying any sign of their Jewishness, when the Foreign Ministry tells Israelis going abroad not to wear T-shirts with Hebrew writing, there was something deeply moving about watching Friedman proudly wrap himself in an Israeli flag.

What crossed my mind while watching the race - in between cursing the Brazilian - was how this achievement speaks volumes about this country's vast reserves of resiliency.

Thirty-two years after the Munich massacre, the Israeli flag was raised at the Olympics in victory, not lowered to half-mast in

Four years after the current war that has sapped so much time, energy, and treasure, the country retains trappings of normality and nothing is more normal than sporting events, and a preoccupation with them and that itself is a partial victory.

Yet "normal" countries would not respond to Friedman's victory as we have. "Normal" countries would not look for the deeper symbolism and meaning of a sailing victory.

Indeed, when Friedman won, and when judoka Arik

Ze'evi won his bronze medal, I reveled in the very abnormality of the Israeli response to these achieve-

And therein I found more beauty. As much fun as it was to watch Friedman and Ze'evi, it was equally fun to watch the country's reaction to their victory, for here is where you spy the charm in this country's personality.

The charm is there in the way the television reporters interviewed Friedman's mother and father, brother, and sister, freckled nephew, and even Aunt Shoshi. It was there in the way the defense minister, not only the president and prime minister, felt a need to issue a congratulatory message to Friedman, and Chabad sent a Book of Psalms to his parents' house before the race for good measure.

This charm is there in the way the Israeli fans "took over" the arena where Ze'evi competed and cheered and chanted as if it were Yad Eliahu, and in the way Ze'evi. so pleased with himself. thrust his forchead into the lips of the man who presented him with his medal for a congratulatory kiss.

The spontaneity, the brashness, the freshness, the unadorned, genuine, unsophisticated, typically Israeli nature of it all. There are moments in the life of a nation where you revel in its particularity. Now is one of those moments.

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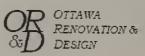
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Film festival explores Israeli-Palestinian conflict

By Tammy Stone

During the O&A session that followed the Toronto Jewish Film Festival's (TJFF) opening night film, Behind Enemy Lines, someone in the audience posed a question to all three of the film's representatives in attendance: filmmaker Dov Gil-Har; Israeli police officer Benny Herness; and Palestinian journalist Abnan Joulani

The question was not unexpected but a little out of place at a film festival: Do you think there will soon be peace in the Middle East? Gil-Har's answer was telling: "The short answer is no. But I think there will be more films like this one in the coming years."

I was as struck by the wisdom of his response as I was by the number of Middle East themed films playing at both the Hot Docs Canadian International Documentary Festival and TJFF

At Hot Docs, one of the most prestigious festivals of its kind, the Audience Award went, not to Supersize Me an eminently likeable film in which the director decides to go on a month-long McDonald's-only diet to prove how unhealthy fast food is - but to Death in Gaza.

The director, James Miller, intended this stunningly-observed film to be a two-part series on Palestin-

ian children and Israeli children, the innocent victims of the current Intifada. Miller died during the shoot (this was captured on film), and when his wife spoke after the film, there were few dry eves in the house.

The third favourite documentary for Hot Docs audiences was Arna's Children (Juliano Mer Khamis, Danniel Danniel)

Mer Khamis is half Israeli and half Palestinian - his mother, Arna, was in the Hagana and helped found the Israeli state, only to turn her back on the government once she saw the effect the creation of Israel had on Palestinians, Arna set up a children's home in Jenin where they could learn as well as act out their aggressions through theatre; filmmaker Juliano was an actor at the time, and helped out.

Juliano, who had shot footage of these rambunctious, adorable children while they were under Arna's tutelage, returns to Jenin years after Arna's death and discovers that most of them have turned into suicide bombers

What emerges in this film, however, is unlike anything one will find on the nightly news. Juliano, being both Jew and Arab, has an extremely unique perspective on the conflict, and masterfully presents a picture of the destitution, desperation and humanity, behind the horrible events that define both sides of the war.

images can ever speak for themselves, they do here, and one witnesses young Israeli soldiers, sometimes with

The Israeli Army actually plans to show this film to soldiers to teach them how to behave while they do checkpoint duty.

Checkpoint Shamir), won Hot Docs' award for Best International Feature and also screened at

Israeli filmmaker Shamir. without any voiceover or interviews, simply took his camera to various checkpoints purportedly set up to protect Israel's borders - but which line not only the border between Israel and the territories, but also the border between big Palestinian cities like Nablus and the smaller villages which surround them -and observed.

What is so tremendously effective about Checkpoint is that it lacks didacticism or even a point of view of any kind, and almost demands the viewer learn more about the issues involved so as to cultivate educated opinions about what they have seen. If decency and sometimes with complete lack of respect, deny Palestinian territory dwellers the freedom they are fighting - and killing - for.

I learned not only that some Israelis believe Checkpoint was unfair to Israel's side by portraying the soldiers in a negative light, but also that the Israeli Army actually plans to show this film to soldiers to teach them how to behave while they do checkpoint duty.

tion reinforces the inestimable importance of films like this, and of our need to watch them as an alternative to holding fast to our opinions of the Middle East as the situation changes daily for everyone involved.

The Toronto Jewish festival, admirably attuned to the appetite for more contextualized accounts of the crisis, presented a total of nine documentaries on the subject, along with a panel, "Up Against the Wall," to allow for discourse between filmmakers and audiences. In addition to the ones already mentioned were Impact on Terror, It is no Dream, The Main Suspect, No. 17 and Sleeping With the Enemy.

In the latter, a group of 10 Israelis and 10 Palestinians traveled to Japan to try to come to some kind of mutual understanding away from

Behind Enemy Lines follows one of the Israelis from that trip (police officer Herness) and a Palestinian

This kind of duality in reac- (Joulani), as they show each other some key sites in Israel and the territories in hopes that they'll be able convince the other of their point of

Nothing, of course, is resolved, but seeing their dialogue and mutual respect, both in the film and during the Q&A that followed, was heartening. The (largely Jewish) audience responded to this film with a standing ovation.

I was drawn to the Middle East-focused documentaries because, like so many around me, I care deeply about what's happening on the other side of the world. and am very concerned about the escalating violence and anti-Semitism here as well as there

I am more thankful than I can say to have films, in the absence of a physical presence in the region, to reawaken my sense of compassion and desire to see many voices of all kinds expressed, heard, and one day, understood.



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From B'nai Brith productions to Ottawa Little Theatre

'Mitchell's going to be a star'

By Katy Peplinskie Mitchell Cohen, the shaggy haired teen playing Eugene Jerome in the Ottawa Little Theatre production of Brighton Beach Memoirs, has an air of confidence uncommon for someone his age. He also has something carnest about his voice that is pleasing to listen to.

"Mitchell's going to be a star," says his fellow cast member Kel Morn-Parsons emphatically, after their dress rehearsal.

Joe O'Brien, the play's director, agrees. He adds that Cohen was the obvious choice for the part.

"I watched him for weeks and weeks as he hung out with his friends at Billings Bridge," O'Brien. "He was so animated and enthusiastic that got excited. 'There's Eugene,' I said to myself."

O'Brien encouraged Cohen to audition, along with 14 other people, and Cohen soon got the part.

Since then, the 15-yearold actor says he's been having the time of his life. "I find it thrilling to be in front of a crowd," he says, repeating the mantra of most performers. "I love an audience.

He also says he has



Mitchell Cohen (Photo: Angie's Talent)

enjoyed getting to know his fellow cast members. "We have such a great time together. We're always laughing about something."

Cohen says that while he and Eugene have a lot of differences (Eugene is from a struggling New York household in 1937), the two also have much in common. "We're both sarcastic: articulate and logical, and we're both jokers," says Cohen.

Neil Simon's Brighton Beach is certainly not the youth's acting debut. He's played President Roosevelt and been part of a dance exhibition in Camp B'Nai Brith productions. He's also acted as a flying monkey, a munchkin and a casting director, been in a Rogers Internet commercial, and acted in the independent film Fate.

Still, acting is not all Cohen does. He's an avid rollerblader, skateboarder and vidco game junkie, and says his friends are "a big part of his life." And while he "definitely" plans on continuing to act when he finishes high school, he also has a lot of other things he wants to pursue.

"I'm going to continue downhill ski racing - that's a big one," says Cohen, "and I want to go to law school."

"We'll see how things go," he adds.

Parents Joel and Shelly Cohen are proud of their son's achievements and are looking forward to seeing Brighton Beach Memoirs. The show opens Sepember 13 and runs until October 2. Tickets are \$20. For more information, contact the Ottawa Little Theatre box office (233-8948).



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Caution: Use your brain

I am so thankful to the tobacco industry for their warning labels: "Smoking is harmful to your health. Smoking can cause cancer." For me, the most effective warning was my first drag when I was nine. From then on, whenever I looked at a fag. I saw a flashing sign, "Smoking can cause you to cough your guts out."

I think more things should come with warning labels, though.

On every bottle of liquor or wine we should see, "Studies show that prolonged use of alcoholic products destroys brain cells, impairs judgment and leads to cirrhosis of the liver."

On every car in big letters, we could have, "thousands die in car accidents every year."

How about "eating this is bad for your heart?" on chopped liver containers?

Actually, after lawsuits in the United States, we now have such other classic warnings as, "Caution, coffee is hot" after a woman sued McDonald's for not telling her in advance.

And now we are beginning to see the very important alert in driver's manuals, "Danger, Cruise Control is not Automatic Pilot" after a man sued the automaker for not explaining this to him before he left his ear on cruise control and went into the back seat to get a snack.

But this kind of thing might get too depressing. There are other warnings we already have, though, which I find a little confusing.

ing.
"This television show contains scenes of an adult nature. Viewer discretion is advised."

Why don't they advise viewer discretion on every-tining? How about, "This show contains scenes of mindless nonsense. Viewers who watch this show no discretion whatsoever." Or we could have notices like, "Caution, this show is intended for children under the age of five. May lessen the intelligence of anyone



Humour me, please

Rubin Friedman

older. Viewer discretion is advised."

There's that discretion again. Apparently television producers assume we are all very discrete. They want this program to be our little secret. I think it means. "Please show discretion ... Don't admit you watch this garbage."

They have warning labels on movies. Rated "R" for violence, foul language and some scenes of a sexual nature. No more farm documentaries for me.

Actually, one of the most frightening movies I saw as a child was the Wizard of Oz. The loathsome and evil green-skinned wicked witch, the evil apple trees, the flying monkeys and the terrible guards at the witch's eastle.

I had nightmares for months. How about that? We could put a warning on it too. "May frighten young children." Now that I think of it, they could put that warning label on me.

Anyway, for most movies nowadays, they don't even let you in alone. No, they are rated as "Adult Accompaniment." I fool them though. I take my kids and the eashier never asks if they are adults. So I get in without having an adult go in with me. Very clever.

We should of course have warning labels for

"Caution, enter into conversation at your own risk. Will not stop talking."

"Danger, snob ahead."
Wouldn't this make life
so much simpler? It would
take the guesswork out of

But I have the ultimate solution.

At birth we implant a chip that contains a message we would then see every time our eyes focused, "Caution, use your brain."

That should just about cover it.



Wishing the Jewish Community a peaceful and joyous New Year

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For honey lovers, I have an amazing web site to recommend: www.beehivebeeproducts.com. They sell 11 different honey flavours, each as unique as its floral source. The fourpiece honey sample set they offer would make a unique Rosh Hashanah hostess gift.

I wish you all a happy, healthy and sweet New Year.

Triple Twisted Honey Cake

This recipe comes from Marcy Goldman's book, The Best of Better Baking.com (Random House, 2002).

Don't let the long ingredient list put you off. It's simple to make and even those who don't like honey cake will be buzzing about this one!

Yellow batter

- 1 1/4 cups vegetable oil
- 2 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 6 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 tablespoon orange zest
- l cup milk or water (or soy milk)
- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Chocolate batter

- 1 cup unsalted butter or margarine, melted
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 3 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 3/4 cups warm brewed coffee
- 3/4 cup unsweetened cocoa
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder l teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Honey batter

- I cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup honey
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 4 eggs

1 cup strong brewed tea

- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 4 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice

coarse sugar for dusting

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Generously spray two 9 or 10 inch angel food cake pans with nonstick cooking spray. Set aside.

For the yellow batter, combine the oil, sugar, eggs, vanilla and orange zest in a food processor. Process to blend. Add the milk and process for 45 seconds, until smooth. In a medium bowl, combine the flour, baking powder and salt. Whisk to blend. Gradually add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients and process until smooth, stopping to scrape the sides of the container as necessary. Transfer the batter to a large bowl.

Without cleaning the food processor, repeat the process to make the chocolate batter and the honey batter and put each in a separate bowl.

In the prepared cake pans, layer the chocolate, then the yellow, and then the honey batter. You can swirl the batters slightly with a butter knife for a marbled cake or leave as is for a striped cake. Dust the tops with coarse sugar. Bake for 65 to 75 minutes, or until cakes spring back when gently touched. Let cool in the pans on wire racks for 20 to 30 minutes, then unmold and let cool completely.

Makes 2 tube cakes. This cake freezes well.

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Apple Cake

I learned how to make this cake from Dinah Koo when I worked at her gourmet take out food shop. We baked it in a 9 x 13 rectangular pan, but I thought it would be more festive in a round pan.

I tested it in a Bundt pan and the aroma was so amazing when we poured the warm caramel glaze over the top my daughter and I could not wait to let the cake cool.

I unmoided it when it was still warm and it collansed. I sliced it into hunks and served it to our com-

Everyone raved about how moist and delicious it was and nobody was the wiser.

Cake batter

- 3 granny smith apples, peeled and cored
- 5 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 5 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 4 eggs
- I teaspoon orange zest
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- I tablespoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups sugar

For caramel glaze

- 1/2 cup unsalted butter (or margarine)
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup whipping cream (or nutri-whip)

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Generously spray a Bundt pan with nonstick cooking spray. Set aside.

Cut each apple into 12 wedges and combine with 5 tablespoons of sugar and cinnamon in a small bowl.

In a large mixing bowl, beat together the oil, eggs, orange zest, juice and vanilla.

Sift together flour, baking powder, salt and sugar. Add all at once to the oil and egg mixture and stir lightly with a rubber spatula, just until blended. This is a very thick batter.

Spread 1/3 of the batter into the Bundt pan. Arrange 1/2 the apple wedges on the batter. Spread 1/2 of the remaining batter over the apples. Arrange the rest of the apples over the second layer of batter. Spread the remaining batter over the apples and sprinkle excess sugar and cinnamon from the apples over the top of the cake.

Bake for about 65 to 75 minutes, until a wooden skewer inserted into the middle of the cake comes out

Combine butter (or margarine), brown sugar and whipping cream (or nutri-whip) in a small saucepan to make glaze. Bring to a boil over medium heat and stir until melted and smooth.

While cake is still hot, make holes with a wooden skewer all over the cake and pour on the warm glaze. Let cake cool, in the pan, on a rack.

Do not remove from pan until totally cool.





Apples, pomegranates, creation: it must be Rosh Hashanah!

Apples and Pomegranates A Family Seder for Rosh Hashanah By Rahel Musleah Illustrated by Judy Jarrett Kar-Ben Publishing 2004 64 pps. Ages 5 and up

Apples and Pomegranates: A Family Seder for Rosh Hashanali is a unique look at a tradition practiced by "Sephardic and Mizrachi communities from Spain, Portugal, North Africa and the Middle Fast"

While I had never heard of a seder on the first night of Rosh Hashanah, the book's introduction claims it dates back at least 2000 years. Before the formal holiday meal, symbolic foods accompanied by appropriate prayers are eaten in a specific order; hence the term 'seder.'

The book's author, Rahel Musleah, is an Indian Jew who traces her roots to 17th century Baghdad. In Apples and Pomegranates: A Family Seder for Rosh Hashanah, Musleah does much more than describe the eight symbolic fruits and vegetables and their prayers.

She provides explanations, clarifications of word play, commentaries, stories, questions, music, yummy recipes and a note on New Year food customs from other cultures.

Most Ashkenazi Jews begin their Rosh Hashanah meal with two symbolic foods: apples dipped in honey and carrot coins. Both these foods are intended to symbolize wishes for a sweet and prosperous new year.

Sephardic Jews are more specific in their hopes and dreams for the New Year. They begin their Rosh Hashanah seder by asking God for plenty, strength, and peace. Detailed requests follow as each symbolic food has its own meaning:

- · dates for an end to hatred;
- pomegranates that we may perform numerous mitzvot;
- · apples in honey for sweetness;
- · green beans for self-improvement;
- pumpkins or gourds for destroying all evil decrees against us;
- beetroot leaves or spinach for our eventual freedom from enemies who have overpowered us;
- leeks, scallions, or chives for the destruction of our enemies thus allowing for increased friendships; and, lastly,



Kid Lit

Deanna Silverman

 head lettuce - in the hope that we will be leaders rather than followers

Musleah's selection of stories, referenced at the end of the book and matched to each of those requests, are well told and entertaining. The Story of Jonah is from the Bible and recited at Yom Kippur's afternoon service. My favourite among Musleah's Jewish versions of well-known fairy tales is Jacob and the Beanstock.

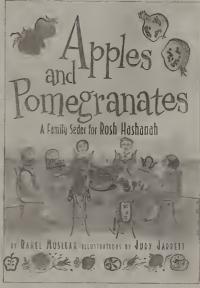
Colourfully laid out, pleasantly illustrated, with prayers in Hebrew, English and transliteration, Apples and Pomegranates: A Family Seder for Rosh Hashanah is a beautiful book describing a precious tradition. For Ashkenazi families, it fills a major gap in our awareness of Rosh Hashanah traditions

Creation By Gerald McDermott Dutton Children's Books 2003 Unpaged Ages 5 and up

According to the Jewish calendar, Rosh Hashanah is the world's birthday. Creation, a picture book for young and old, tells that story in a gloriously sumptuous, lyrical, and startling fashion. Why startling? Because author Gerald McDermott has the chuzpah to use the first personal pronoun, the "I" of the Creator. "I was before time. I was everywhere ..."

That dramatic declaration sets the tone for a personalized, yet universal, version of the Biblical story of creation. The language is surprisingly simple and hauntingly powerful. It resonates with wonder, achievement, inclusiveness, and the rhythms of nature.

As for the illustrations, they are magical. Creation is an ever-increasing swirl. Black and white mist gives way to form, horizons, and the most amazingly energetic displays of lights, plants, creatures and humanity.



From Apples and Pomegranates

If I were to take a mystical approach, I would say that McDermott has presented the essence of Buber's I-Thou relationship for all to see.

Instead, I'll simply say he has written and illustrated a truly wondrous book that I expect will become a classic. Don't miss Creation!

From my family to yours, may we and Israel be blessed with good health, prosperity, peace, and laughter. Shana Tova!

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Two compelling books for fiction and non-fiction junkies

The Singing Fire By Lillian Nattel Alfred A. Knopf Canada/Random House Hardcover, 2004

The thing about fiction is that everyone-comes to it from different sensibilities. A reviewer can critique the writing (it's either objectively good or bad), remark on the plot-line (it makes sense or it doesn't), comment on the dialogue (it's contrived or realistic) and on the character development (the characters are well-rounded and believable, or not). What a reviewer can't do, though, is predict if you'll respond in exactly the same way.

All this to say that I thoroughly enjoyed Nattel's first book, The River Midnight, published in 1999, and found this, her second novel, well worth the wait.

Nattel's talent lies in her distinctive way of bringing to life the worlds of our foremothers and fathers. Rather than returning to the insular world of the shtetl, in The Singing Fire Nattel has recreated the insular world of London's Jewish ghetto, Whitechapel. The smells, the sounds, the monochromatic palette of London's foggy streets bring the teeming alleys to life as the book tells the story of two Jewish girls from the old country who run away from their very different backgrounds to find their fortune in London at the turn of the 20th century.

Nehama has a tumultuous start, tricked into prostitution (and Nattel can be quite graphic here) while Emilia, saved by Nechama from making a similar mistake, refuses to live in poverty and makes a life for herself in the fancier setting of London's West End.

As in Midnight, Nattel has injected surrealism into the story: The spirit of Nechama's dead grandmother and the ghost of Emilia's father's first wife follow the girls to Lon-

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don and act as messengers from the world beyond. Whether or not the girls choose to listen to them is another matter. But if you can maintain a suspension of disbelief, Nattel's writing will carry you along.

The setup is also like Midnight, with the chapters laid out as acts in a play, the prologue setting the stage for what is to follow.

Nattel has once again written a book that evokes a Yiddish world of the past, with historically-accurate news of the day - Jack the Ripper, the London Yiddish Theatre fire scare - and with wonderful characters that inhabit its pages; the pimps, prostitutes, sweatshop workers and artists, and all the landsmen. Her writing is still as lyrical

> Still Life With Bombers: Israel in the Age of Terrorism By David Horovitz Alfred A. Knopf/Random House Hardcover, 2004

As you can gather from its title, Horovitz, the editor of The Jerusalem Post and a skillful writer, has written a very disturbing book that should be read if one seeks to understand how the Middle East conflict has so horrifically metastasized into a cancer that cannot be contained.

How did the morass originate? Which political leaders were to blame? What kind of neighbours did Horovitz and his fellow Israelis have who felt that civilians were fair game and who would strike at any time: "at a girls' Bat Mitzvah party on a Thursday (Hadera, January 2002; six dead) ... a billiard parlor on a Tuesday (Rishon Letzion, May 7, 2002; fifteen dead) ... a beachfront disco on a Friday night (Tel Aviv, June 1, 2001; 21 fatalities)." How do Israelis live with the ever-present understanding "that to leave home in the morning was to enter a kind of grisly lottery ... in which there was absolutely no certainty that we, our children and all the other people we loved would make it home safe at the end of the day.

Horovitz tells us what Israelis are thinking. Many have changed their political views and moved from lcft to right. All are "scared and saddened." He tells us what Palestini-

ans are thinking, too, not that Horovitz presumes to write from their perspectives. The lies they are being fed (Horovitz has plenty of examples) from their own leaders do not predispose them to regard Israelis as anything other than their hated enemy. But while Horovitz believes that terrorism collapsed the peace process, he tells us why Palestinian moderates feel that the Jewish settlements are to blame. And he questions the decisions of Israel's own

The only hope - and he is hopeful - is to continue to maintain "Israel as both a Jewish state and a democratic one," negotiating a Palestinian entity when a leadership emerges that is genuinely ready to co-exist with Israel. Horovitz refuses to believe that the Palestinian faith "obliges them to regard murder and bloody, premature death as the finest ambition for their child...because otherwise we Jews have no future in this bitter, vicious Middle East without killing and being killed, forever through the ages. And few good people elsewhere have much to look forward to, either." A heart-breaking, powerful book.

The new season at the Greenberg Families Library:

There's a lot happening at the Greenberg Families Library at the SJCC, beginning this fall.

A music appreciation series of six lectures begins on Sentember 29 with noted music critic and lecturer Jean-

Jacques Van Vlasselaer. "Cities of Music," highlights the music being played during the 2004-2005 Ottawa music season by the NAC and the Ottawa Symphony orchestras

The Ottawa Jewish Film Society begins its season in mid-October with some excellent offerings featuring Hollywood stars like John Turturro and award-winning films. These events are free to Library members.

Two computer courses will be offered again - Introduction to Computers, beginning in October and being offered throughout the year, and Intermediate Computer, which will begin in February

The Book Discussion Series continues. Led by freelance writer and book columnist Kinneret Globerman, it takes place on Wednesdays in the afternoons or evenings. This year, Jewish classics will be the focus for discussion.

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Websites to help make Rosh Hashanah more meaningful

The following selection of web sites provides a basic Rosh Hashanah resource. Sites have been included from all denominations within contemporary Judaism.

Basics

Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year – the start of a new "cycle of life." This cycle is well explained on the Judaism 101 website.

Blowing the ram's horn, the Shofar, is the central symbol of Rosh Hashanah, and listening to the Shofar is the obligatory mitzvah associated with this High Holiday. This ancient practice is associated with the redemption of Isaac, when his life was spared and the ram was sacrificed, instead. The notes that are blown are also the signals calling the ancient Hebrews to attention in time of war. Thus, Shofar blowing calls us to pay attention to our behaviour and its consequences, and reminds us that we are being judged by the Almighty.

Arthur Finkle's Shofar sounding website provides very clear musical instruction, in case you have wondered about how the sounds are produced, or are called upon to blow the Shofar yourself.

Approaches to Rosh Hashanah

I was impressed with the "Reaching for Holiness" study guides on the Union of Reform Judaism website, dealing with Slichot and the High Holidays. These guides provide checklists, discussion questions, and spiritual exercises for groups in congregations. There is a good blend of contemporary concerns and traditional values, with a clear emphasis on the ethical core of the observances.

The Jewish Theological Seminary of America website, which is Conservative, provides a variety of helpful material.

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Besides Torah and Haftorah texts and commentaries, two programs are particularly interesting. One is an audio file with an explanatory discussion of the holiday observances, and background clips of congregational nusic (see "Remember Us Unto Life"). This site can be supplemented by an article on the way in which Rosh Hashanah has evolved (see "The Enigma of Rosh Hashanah")

Two major orthodox sites are those provided by the Orthodox Union and by Chabad. The Orthodox Union site focuses on Talmud Torah, and is divided into basic and advanced levels, with a series of courses provided through text files. Chabad has a comprehensive portal for the entirety of the Jewish New Year holidays, starting with the observances for the preceding month of Elul, and then continuing through from Rosh Hashanah to Simchat Torah. Thus, the well-designed Chabad holiday's home page provides a birds-eye overview of the entire season.

Kids and cooking

Many denominational sites provide kid-friendly information about Rosh Hashanah, as well as recipes suitable for the holiday.

I have written before about the colourful and well-designed Torah Tots site. It is up to its usual standard in providing kids with an entertaining, instructive, and active introduction to the holiday that captures their attention through games, projects and stories.

The archives of the RFCJ Jewish food discussion group provide an extensive, well-indexed list of recipes for the holiday. Click on "Charter" for information on the RFCJ's approach to Kashruth.

Websites

Judaism 101: http://www.jewfaq.org/holiday2.htm Shofar – Jewish Encyclopedia: http://www.jewishencyclopedia.com/view.jsp?artid=653&letter=5&search= Shofar

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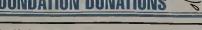
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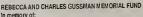
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Hy Soloway by Steve and Millie Mirsky and Paul and Mary Mirsky.

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Lillian Saslove, a beloved mother and grandmother, 2 MarCheshvan by Dorothy and Maurie Karp and lamily

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HAROLD SHAFFER MEMORIAL FUND

Beatrice Zagon, a dear sister by Sheldon and Sonia

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Stella Slack, a beloved mother and grandmother by Myra, Lester, Jennifer, Donna, Gregory and Jordan Aronson

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Birthday wishes to:

Dors Stern on her 60th birthday by Linda Mirsky; by Judi
Hoffman; and by Barbara and Sid Cohen.

JAY B. TALLER MEMDRIAL FUND

In observence of the Yahrzell ot: Norman Taller, a dear brother by Morton and Sally Taller,

Morton Taller on his special birthday by Stan and Libby

Senator Jack Marshall by Morton and Sally Taller

SAMUEL AND ANNE TALLER ENDOWMENT FUND

Mazal Toy fo:

Anne Taller on the birth of her great granddaughter Hayley by Morton and Sally Taller.

Arlene and Norman Glube on the birth of their grand-daughter Anna by Anne Taller.

Birthday wishes to: Anne Taller by Sally and Morton Taller.

CHARLES AND RAF TAVEL MEMORIAL FUND

Birthday wishes io: David Loeb on his special birthday by John and Sunny

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Mazal Tov Io: Max and Cynthia Weinstein on the engagement of their son Joel by Morton and Sally Taller.

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Birthday wishes to: Helen Saipe by Diane Wexler

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Jess Zelikovitz on his special birthday by Sue and Ronnie Green (Toronto); by Enid Bultz

Rene Sussman by Marlene Burack and family and Judy hneiderman and family; by Sue and Ronnie Green; and by

Hy Soloway by Marlene Burack, and by Judith Schnei-

Leo Green by Sue and Ronnie Gree

Elliott Marshafl's sister by Sue and Ronnie Green. Hy Soloway by Sue and Ronnie Green.

In commemoration of the unveiling of a monument in memory of:

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In memory of: Albert Tobias by Susan and Frank Danoff;

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SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 12 SJCC/JET Rosh Hashanah Hollday Spirif, 1:00 pm.

A Touch of Klez - Open Rehearsals, Hillel Lodge, 10 Nadolny Sachs Private, 2:00 pm.

Happy Birthday to the World, a Rosh Hashanah pro-gram for families of mixed heritage, 2:00 pm.



SEPTEMBER 13 JET, Rosh Hashanah - Cele-

brate the Jewish Way, 8:00 pm.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 14 Kickoff/Press conference, continuering floor to the Negro Dinner 2004. By invitation, Info

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 15

Erev Rosh Hashanah Candielighting before 6:55 pm.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 Ottawa Jewish Historical Society presents Stephen Appotive, speaking on The Appotive Family, 7:30 pm, Agudath Israel.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

UJA Public Service Event with Stewart Bell, author, Cold Terror: How Canada Nurtures and Exports Terrorism Around the World, 7:00pm, Agudath Israel Synagogue. RSVP Cynthia Hill (798-4696, ext. 250).

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